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PREFACE.

In an enterprise of this character the main object and purpose is most likely to be misunderstood. To remove any doubts as to what this book contains, we will state that it is not a Novel, a History of the World, Book of Illustrations, or a Blood-curdling Story of Frontier Life; but simply and plainly

A HISTORY OF CLAY COUNTY.

It is needless to give any reasons for its appearance. We present it to the public as the result of several months' work, which has occupied the time and diligent labor of several persons, to say nothing of the expense entailed in collecting facts, figures, incidents and events here given. This history was published more particularly for the persons whose history is herein recounted. It is human nature to want to know who and what your neighbors are; when they were born, where they have lived, whom they have married, and the names of their wives before that important event occurred. This is all given here, and the further information when the first settlement was made; by whom, and where they located. In brief, it is a book giving a plain, unvarnished account of Clay county from its first settlement down to the present time, embodying all the important events that have transpired during the past thirty-three years.

The whole aim and object has been to present the facts correctly. That there will be errors we do not doubt; no book was ever published that did not contain errors, and this one will not be an exception. We, therefore, ask the patrons to judge leniently concerning any errors that they may discover, for in both the matter of gathering, compiling and printing, the most extreme care was taken to prevent them, and to secure the strictest accuracy.

With these few prefatory words, we launch the HISTORY OF CLAY COUNTY on the sea of time, trusting that it will meet with favor in proportion to its merits.

Respectfully,

W. C. GILBREATH.

PREFACE.

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BRIEF SKETCH OF IOWA.

Iowa, this great and grand State, its phenomenal growth, magnificent climate, fruitful and productive soil, stands to-day one of the leading factors in the great congregation of States which constitute this nation. As a stock growing and agricultural State, it stands pre-eminently among the first and is generally regarded as leading in these features. It is the centre of the great west and is possessed of a soil rich and fruitful. Although young in years, it has attained a prominence of which its citizens may justly feel proud. A brief history of its discovery, occupation and the development of its wonderful resources will not be amiss in the introductory pages of the History of Clay county.

History informs us that the territory west of the great Mississippi river—the dividing line—was at one time known as a Spanish province and was controlled, to a certain extent, by the Spanish King. An exploring party was sent out by that Kingdom, under the leadership of Ferdinand DeSoto who discovered the Mississippi river at the mouth of the Washita. DeSoto at once determined to build a vessel of sufficient size to accommodate his companions and descend the river slowly and explore the regions on the western side. However, before completing his plans, he was taken sick and died. His former followers were undaunted, although losing their valiant and intrepid leader, and determined to carry out his plans, which he, before his death, had communicated to them. The vessel was constructed, and in July, 1543, the noble band of Spaniards began their descent to the great Gulf of Mexico. The primary object of this visit by Spain's representatives was to perfect their title to the land. It was true that they held the territory by right of discovery, yet to make their claim more complete it was necessary that they should inhabit it, and therefore perfect her title to it. This she failed to do and the French, under the leadership of Marquette, in 1669, came to this far west and began their explorations. After gathering information from the Indians, whose language they learned, they commenced their great work. With the united efforts of Marquette and Nicholas Perrot, an agent of the French government, they succeeded in winning the confidence and respect of the various tribes of Indians on and near the banks of the "Great Father of Waters" to such and extent that a council was held in the interest of peace and friendship. Perrot informed them that the "Great Father of the French Empire" was a faithful and true friend and that he had a lasting and abiding interest in their peace, happiness and welfare and desired to promote in every way their interest. Marquette in the meantime having been busy preparing an expedition to visit and explore the great river and the country which lined its banks, of whose glory and grandeur he had heard so much of, immediately upon the successful termination of Perrot's council with the Indians and the completion of his treaty with them, set out on his journey toward the south. The great opportunity for which Marquette had sought had at last arrived and with a joyful heart he called together his principal men and informed

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them that his companion, Joliet, had been sent by the French Governor of Canada to discover new countries, to be added to the dominion of France; but that he, himself, had been sent by the Most High God, to carry the glorious religion of the Cross; and assured his wondering hearers that on his mission he had no fear of death, to which he knew he would be exposed on his perilous journey. Marquette was a very devout and zealous Jesuit.

With the aid of two Miami Indians as guides, the little band of explorers began their journey. After descending the Wisconsin they reached the great unexplored river. Upon arriving at a point a little above what is now known as the Des Moines river, they landed and began their investigation. They traveled some fourteen miles from the banks of the river. This was the first time that an European had set his foot on the soil of this great unknown country, which was in after years to become one of the greatest states of this great nation. A state that is known for its congenial climate, fertile soil, wonderful enterprise, rapidity of development, moral worth and populated by a prosperous and intelligent class of people, who, by hardships and privations know the value of prosperity, and comprehend and possess the ability to ably manage the affairs of state. It is not the purpose of this book to relate in detail the early history of the state but merely to cite to a few leading facts.

On June 28th, 1834, the territory west of the Mississippi river and north of Missouri was made a part of the territory of Michigan. Two years afterward the Wisconsin territory was constituted, and what is now Iowa was a part of it. It was not until June 12, 1838, that congress made another division and this time included Iowa and a part of Minnesota.

During all this time the Indians had caused more or less trouble and it required a number of treaties interspersed with a few wars to quiet them. The more important struggle with the redskins was the outbreak in 1830, known as the Black Hawk war. At the termination of this trouble a treaty was made with the Indians and they relinquished their claim to a strip of land on the eastern border fifty miles wide, from the northern border of Missouri to the mouth of the Upper Iowa river, containing about 6,000,000 acres. Subsequent treaties were made until the entire claims of the Indians were purchased, and the territory of Iowa was owned by the United States.

ITS SETTLEMENT.

The first settlement made in this state was during the year 1788 at Dubuque by a small party of miners. The next was at the little town of Montrose. The third settlement made was at or near McGregor. At various points along the banks of the Mississippi was established Indian traders and from these have grown towns of prominence, such as Burlington, Keokuk and Davenport.

IOWA AS A TERRITORY.

Congress, in the year 1803, by an act, authorized the President of the United States to take possession of the territory included in the Louisiana purchase—of which Iowa was a part—from the French; and to immediately provide for a temporary government. Iowa remained a part of other territories until the year 1838. The new territory comprised "all that part of the present territory of Wisconsin which lies west of the Mississippi river, and west of a line drawn

due north from the head water or sources of the Mississippi to the territorial line." The act provided for the election of a House of Representatives, consisting of twenty-six members, for a Secretary, Chief Justice, two Associate Justices, an Attorney and a Marshal, and appropriated $5,000 for a public library and $20,000 for the erection of public buildings.

Robert Lucas, of Ohio, was appointed Governor; Wm. B. Conway, of Pittsburgh, was appointed Secretary; Charles Mason, of Burlington, Chief Justice, and Thomas S. Wilson, of Dubuque, and Joseph Williams, of Pennsylvania, Associate Judges of the Supreme and District Courts; Mr. Van Allen, of New York, Attorney; Francis Gehon, of Dubuque, Marshal; Augustus C. Dodge, Register of the Land Office at Burlington, and Thomas McKnight, Receiver of the Land Office at Dubuque. Mr. Van Allen, the District Attorney, died, and Col. Charles Weston was appointed to succeed him. Wm. B. Conway, shortly after assuming the duties of Secretary, was taken sick and died and the President appointed James Clark to fill the vacancy.

Gen. Jesse B. Browne, of Lee county, was chosen President of the Council, and Hon. Wm. H. Wallace, Speaker of the House.

The first congressional election was held in 1838 and William W. Chapman was chosen.

The first matter of importance to be determined by the legislature was the location of the seat of government and the erection of public buildings for which Congress had appropriated the sum of $20,000. This session was quite an exciting one and its results looked forward to with a great amount of interest. The main point at issue was the location of the state capital. The Governor, in his message, had recommended the appointment of a commssion to select the place. In this measure the Governor was supported by the members of the central part of the state but was opposed by the members from the southern part of the state. But the southerners were divided between Mt. Pleasant and Burlington, but finally effected a compromise by deciding on the former place. The two factions were about equally divided and the contest grew most intense and finally resulted in the adoption of the Governor's recommendation. An act was finally passed appointing Chauncey Swan, of Dubuque county; John Ronalds, of Louisa county, and Robert Ralston, of Des Moines county, commissioners to select a site for the capital within the limits of Johnson county. The object for selecting a point within the borders of Johnson county was that Johnson county had been created by act of the Territorial Legislature of Wisconsin in 1837 and organized by an act passed at Burlington, in special session in 1838. The commissioners, in their report, stated that they had selected a site on the Iowa river, a short distance above Napoleon, as the temporary county seat.

In 1844 delegates were chosen for the purpose of forming a state constitution. The convention assembled in Iowa City on the 7th of October and comdleted their labors on the first day of November. Hon. Shephard Leffler was the President of the convention.

A second constitutional convention was held in Iowa City in 1846 to settle the question of boundary, the former having been rejected by congress. Upon congress approving of the one adopted at this session, an election of officers of

the new state was held, with the following result: Governor, Ansel Briggs; Secretary of State, Elisha Cutler, Jr.; Auditor, John T. Fales; Treasurer, Morgan Reno and members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

TERRITORIAL OFFICERS.

GOVERNORS.

Robert Lucas.....1838–1841
John Chambers.....1841–1845
James Clarke.....1845

SECRETARIES OF STATE.

William B. Conway.....1838
James Clarke.....1839
O. H. W. Stull.....1841
Samuel J. Burr.....1843
Jesse Williams.....1845

AUDITORS.

Jesse Williams.....1840
Wm. L. Gilbert.....1843
Robert M. Secrest.....1845

TREASURERS.

Thorton Bayliss.....1839
Morgan Reno.....1840

JUDGES.

Charles Mason, Chief Justice.....1838
Joseph Williams.....1838
Thomas S. Wilson.....1838

OFFICERS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNORS.

Ansel Briggs.....1846–1850
Stephen Hempstead.....1850–1854
James W. Grimes.....1854–1858
Ralph P. Lowe.....1858–1860
Samuel J. Kirkwood.....1860–1864
William M. Stone.....1864–1868
Samuel Merrill.....1868–1872
Cyrus C. Carpenter.....1872–1876
Samuel J. Kirkwood.....1876–1877
Joshua G. Newbold.....1877–1878
John H. Gear.....1878–1882
Buren R. Sherman.....1882–1886
William Larrabee.....1886–1890

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS.

Oran Faville.....1858–1859
Nicholas J. Rusch.....1860–1861
John R. Needham.....1862–1863
Enoch W. Eastman.....1864–1865
Benjamin F. Gue.....1866–1867
John Scott.....1868–1869
M. M. Walden.....1870–1871
H. C. Bullis.....1872–1873
Joseph Dysart.....1874–1875
Joshua G. Newbold.....1876–1877
Frank T. Campbell.....1878–1882
O. H. Manning.....1882–1886
J. A. T. Hull.....1886–1890

SECRETARIES OF STATE.

Elisha Cutler, Jr.....1846–1849
Josiah H. Bonney.....1849–1850
Geo. W. McCleary.....1850–1857
Elijah Sells.....1857–1863
James Wright.....1863–1867
Ed. Wright.....1867–1873
Josiah T. Young.....1873–1879
J. A. T. Hull.....1879–1885
Frank D. Jackson.....1885

AUDITORS OF STATE.

Joseph T. Fales.....1846–1850
Wm. Pattee.....1850–1854
Andrew J. Stevens.....1854–1855
Wm. Pattee.....1855–1859
Jonathan W. Cattell.....1859–1865
John A. Elliott.....1865–1871
John Russell.....1871–1875
Buren R. Sherman.....1875–1881
W. V. Lucas.....1881–1883
J. Brown.....1883–1887
James A. Lyon.....1887

TREASURERS OF STATE.

Morgan Reno.....1846–1850
Israel Kister.....1856–1852
Martin L. Morris.....1852–1859
John W. Jones.....1859–1863
Wm. H. Holmes.....1863–1867
S. E. Rankin.....1867–1873
Wm. Christy.....1873–1877
Geo. W. Bemis.....1877–1881
Edwin G. Conger.....1881–1885
Voltaire P. Twombly.....1885

SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Thomas H. Benton, Jr 1844–1854
James D. Eads 1854–1857
Joseph C. Stone 1857
Maturin L. Fisher 1857–1858

Office abolished. Office recreated in 1864.

Oran Faville 1864–1867
D. Franklin Wells 1867–1870
A. S. Kissell 1870–1872
Alonzo Abernethy 1872–1877
Carl W. von Coelln 1877–1882
John W. Akers 1882–1888
Henry Sabin 1888

HISTORICAL RECORD.

Something over thirty-three years have come and gone since the first white man came to occupy and develop the rich agricultural lands of Clay county. These have been years of vast and remarkable changes; and those who came in 1856 can scarcely realize the wonderful growth of population, the vastness of the developments made since that period. From a broad, unbroken prairie, it is now covered with churches, schools, fine homes, productive farms, live towns and a happy, prosperous people. Since that memorable date, stirring events have occurred. The Indians have laid waste to property, and destroyed it; a war, bloody and destructive, has passed over this fair land. There have been years of desolation and destruction. Had some of the vigorous minds and ready pens of the early settlers been directed to keeping a chronological journal of the passing events, to write a history of Clay county would have been comparatively an easy task. In the absence of any such data, we must rely upon such facts, figures and incidents as we may glean from those who have resided here either since its formation, or upon the meagre official records which only give but an imperfect account of the earlier times. Of those who came here in the pursuit of homes during the years of 1856 and 1857 but few are left to tell the story of their hardships, privations and the dangers they encountered. The struggles, changes and vicissitudes that these thirty odd years evoke, are as trying to the minds as the bodies of men. Physical and mental strength waste away beneath the weight of accumulating years, and the memory of names, dates and important events are forgotten in the lapse of time. The footprints of time leaves its impressions and destroying agencies upon everything, and consequently it would be unreasonable to suppose that the annals, incidents and events of more than thirty years could be preserved intact and unbroken. In a history like this errors will naturally occur, however careful the writer may have been. It has been his aim and object to make as few as it was possible. To the many who aided and assisted in gathering these facts, figures, incidents and biographies the writer extends his warmest thanks

CLAY COUNTY.

The county of Clay is twenty-four miles square, containing an area of 368,640 acres. It is located in the northwestern part of the State, being in the second tier of counties from the north, and the third from the west boundary of the State. Its soil is a rich dark-colored loam, extending in depth from two to eight feet. Underlying this rich soil is a clay subsoil which renders it capable of withstanding either drouth or excessive rainfalls. The Little Sioux river and its many tributaries furnish abundant water and excellent drainage. In addition to the Little Sioux there are the Ocheydan, Willow, Prairie, Muddy and Henry creeks. In the eastern part of the county there are several lakes, known as Lost Island Lake, Swan Lake, Virgin Lake, Pickerell Lake and Mud Lake. In these lakes are found an abundance of fish of all kinds. Around these lakes and along these streams are found some of the finest and most fertile lands which Clay is so well known to possess. The surface of the county is undulating, divested of the many sloughs so usually found in lands of this description. The consequences are that there is very little waste land in the county. The lower lands have proven a great source of profit to the farmers, as they produce an abundance of rich and nutritious wild grass, which, when cut and properly cared for, makes an excellent substitute for tame hay. The farmers have taken advantage of this, and yearly, tons upon tons of this grass has been cut, stacked and pressed, and shipped to eastern markets, realizing for the farmers handsome margins for their labor. There is a scarcity of timber, and with the exception of the extreme southwest part of the county and Gillett's Grove there is no timber, but this scarcity is supplied by a great many large and beautiful groves, which have been planted and cared for until they have grown to such a size that they not only furnish shade and adorn the farms, but furnish plenty of firewood. The Little Sioux river is a beautiful stream, and with its serpentine windings measures a distance of nearly seventy-one miles in Clay county. This splendid stream and its broad rich valleys cannot but fill the mind of the beholder with admiration. Its waters are clear and silvery, its bed, rocky and sandy, its current slow and steady; its flow and volume constant. Heavy water powers at Spencer and Peterson afford excellent manufacturing facilities, and all along the stream dams might be constructed which would cause thousands of busy wheels to toil in the service of man.

A most excellent quality of clay is found here, and several brick kilns are in active operation and turning out thousands of brick annually of a superior quality.

The county is fairly well supplied with railroads, as two of the largest and most important lines in Iowa pass through its borders. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway crosses the county four miles north of its center, and from Spencer a branch line extends north to Spirit Lake. The southwest part of the county is crossed by the great Chicago & Northwestern, and furnishes an outlet for the southern part of the county. A roadbed was completed some time ago through the entire county from the southeast corner north to Spirit Lake; but for some reason the company purposing building the line has never completed it. It is probable that some time in the future work will again be

commenced on it, and a north and south road, which the county really needs, will be put in operation. All the towns in the county, with the exception of Greenville—a small village—are located on a railroad.

ITS CLIMATE, SOIL AND GROWTH.

Clay county, one of the newest counties in the State, by its rapid development and growth, has in a few years taken its place in the ranks among the wealthy and populous counties in Iowa. The hundreds of farmers, with improved farms, commodious and substantial dwellings, countless herds of stock, broad fields of golden grain, are the potent and self-evident proofs of its rapid and wonderful development, and yet the work has just begun. Thousands of acres await the approach of the sturdy yeoman, when the quiet beauty of its existence shall fade before the destructive implements of toil, only to be replaced with a harvest of greater and more resplendent grandeur. A healthful climate is one of the chief elements to be considered in the settlement of a new country, and the fact that Clay county is situated near the most elevated point between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and between the Great Lakes and the Gulf, and far above the miasmatic influences that are prevalent in the lower lands, and the gentle undulating character of the country where circulates an atmosphere free from impurities, renders this county and this section of the State exceedingly healthful. The soil is of a rich alluvial loam, admirably adapted to all the branches of agricultural pursuits. The county is well watered, with numerous streams and lakelets, and the Little Sioux river traverses its entire length, furnishing excellent water power for manufacturing enterprises. This county is especially adapted to grazing and dairying pursuits, and the excellence of the dairy products of Northwestern Iowa are becoming known in the leading markets of the country, and the rapid increasing demand assures a rich return to those who are engaged in the business. In all the vast expanse of Northwestern Iowa there is no fairer portion than Clay county, or that is endowed with greater elements of growth and prosperity. A good soil, a healthful climate, good water and abundance of it, good railroads and markets, make the advantages in the pursuit of farming and stock growing equal to the more developed portions of the State, while land can be purchased here at a price from one-fourth to one-tenth its value.

ITS ORGANIZATION.

By an act of the Legislature in 1851 Clay county was created, and her boundary lines were defined. At the same time there were several other counties created. This being shortly after the termination of the Mexican war, the Legislature determined to name three of the counties in honor of three of the distinguished officers who fell in that war. The names selected were Clay, Hardin and Yell. The last named was afterwards changed to Webster. Whether the real object was to name the county Clay, after the gallant officer who fell while leading his men on the field of battle, or in honor of his more distinguished father, who had so many warm Iowa followers, is not apparent, but at any rate this fair county was thus christened. In 1853 the Legislature attached Clay to Waukan—now Woodbury—for revenue, election and judicial purposes. At this time it was simply a county in name only; its beautiful prairies had not

at this time attracted the attention of those seeking homes in the western territory. It was not until the fall of 1858 that the little settlement in Clay county mustered up courage sufficient to apply for a separate organization, "that it might take its position among the older counties of the sovereign State of Iowa." At this time the county seat of Woodbury county was located at Sergeant's Bluff, and as all business in Clay had to be transacted at that place, and as the distance was quite great and very inconvenient to reach, it was decided to apply for a separate and distinct county government. Charles C. Smeltzer, who at that time and subsequently was quite active in local and county affairs, drew up a petition and circulated it among the settlers, who generally signed it. This petition was presented to the county court of Woodbury county, and after due consideration the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and an election of officers was ordered to be held October 12th, 1858. This first election, which was the beginning of the new life of Clay county, was held at the house of Ambrose S. Mead, on section 34, now in Peterson township. The returns show that there were nine votes cast, and the following county officers elected: County Judge, C. C. Smeltzer; Treasurer and Recorder, S. W. Foreman; Sheriff, Henry Brockschink; Superintendent of Schools, Ambrose S. Mead; Clerk of Court, Ezra M. Wilcox; Surveyor, S. W. Foreman; Drainage Commissioner, John Kindelspyer; Coroner, Christian Kirchner. Thus the county was completely organized, and its independent life fully inaugurated. Charles C. Smeltzer, the newly-elected County Judge, appears to have been greatly elated over the result of the election and the organization, as the following entry in the first record of the county will indicate:

"Be it remembered that in accordance with the prayer of a majority of legal voters of Clay county, Iowa, praying for an organization of said county (that it might take its position among the older counties of the sovereign State of Iowa as an independent and self-sustaining community, and that the bonds that existed between Clay and Woodbury, to which Clay was attached for judicial and election purposes, might be irrevocably dissolved), which prayer, in form of a petition, was duly presented to the honorable County Court of Woodbury county, Iowa, Judge John Campbell presiding; that an election was ordered by said court, to be held October 12th, 1858, authorizing the voters of said county to meet at the house of Ambrose S. Mead, for the purpose of perfecting an organization and voting for state, district, county and township officers, thus severing the ties between the independent county of Woodbury and the independent county of Clay, that the mutual resources might be developed, and the youthful, yet strong community might stand forth in its conscious strength, and prove to the world that it no longer needed the fostering care of another, but that it was well able to maintain itself, and that it would give to it the proud position of an independent sovereign within itself, with all the characteristics of a prosperous people, noble, loving and enterprising, ready to assume the guardianship of the weak and dispense even-handed justice to the benighted of Northwestern Iowa."

This pronunciamento is notable and historical for its grandiloquence, and its author may have thought it would be handed down alongside of the Declaration of Independence.

While the county had all the necessary official appendages for running its machinery, yet it was without a public building, the result being that the offices were kept at the respective houses of the officers. A. W. Hubbard, Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, on the 7th of June, 1859, appointed a commission,

consisting of Miles Mahon, R. W. Wheelock and John W. Tucker, authorizing them to locate the county seat of Clay county. The commissioners examined the county, and July 16th, 1859, reported in favor of locating it on section 20, Spencer township. This is on the land now owned by M. B. Crafts. It is said that just previous to the coming of the commissioners several shrewd speculators had come on and laid out the town of Spencer on this section, and with a flourish of trumpets had declared their intentions to people the town and the surrounding country. The commission, in their report, stated that they had made the selection with a knowledge that the people had the right to accept or reject their selection. The "people" did decide, and refused to pay any attention to the recommendation made by the commissioners. The county records therefore remained where they were. On the 14th of May, 1860, a document was duly circulated and duly signed asking that the county seat be located at the present site of Peterson. An election was directed to be held, and although but ten votes were cast, Peterson was chosen and remained the seat of government until near the close of 1871. At this election Judge Charles Smeltzer was authorized to erect public buildings at Peterson at a cost not to exceed $6,000. In the course of a year a court house was erected, but instead of being within the first appropriation, something over $40,000, it is said, was expended in its construction at different times. In 1871 the county seat question was again agitated. The county by this time had received a large emigration, and the northern part was filling up more rapidly than the southern. There was considerable objection to the extreme southeastern location of the county seat, and a great clamor by the northern residents for its removal to a more central location. The pressure was so extreme that the question of a re-location was submitted. Previous to this Spencer had sprung up, and was a town of larger size than Peterson. In October, 1871, the question was submitted to the voters, and resulted as follows: For Spencer, 359; for Peterson, 200; thus giving Spencer a majority of 159. This ended the matter, and the question has never been seriously agitated since that time. A court house was built at a cost of $1,333, and although it has since given way to a more convenient and commodious one, it still stands as one of the earlier landmarks of Spencer. The removal, in the light of future events, has proven decidedly satisfactory, and even those of 1871 who were the most bitterly opposed to the change are now ready and willing to acquiesce in the judgment that it was best for the county's and public's interests.

THE PIONEERS.

If there is anywhere a class of people who deserve to have their names perpetuated in history, it is the hardy pioneers who came to Clay county in its infancy, who left their eastern homes of plenty and comfort and braved the dangers, privations and hardships of the wild western prairies, and made it possible for settlement. It was no easy task to forsake the advantages of the thickly settled East of peace and plenty, and blindly plunge into the unknown and unsettled West, explore, inhabit and develop a vast field of industry, and aid in making it possible for others to obtain a home. To these brave men who, nothing daunted, dared imperil their lives, we to-day owe a debt of eternal gratitude, and the future historian will not fail to give them just credit for their

heroism and self-sacrifice. In listening to a recital of their deeds of daring, their indomitable pluck, energy, enterprise, and the unconquerable determination that marked their wonderful achievements in transforming these bleak prairies into a live, teeming and densely populated country, sounds more like romance than reality. As the sight-seer passes through Clay county in an elegant coach drawn as by the wings of lightning, catching a glimpse of the waving golden harvest, green pastures, beautiful farm houses, handsome towns and innumerable herds of fine cattle quietly grazing on nutritious grasses, he wonders at the marvelous transformation. Yonder a beautiful lake surrounded by clumps of bushes is seen, the fair western maiden, in company with her lover, quietly rowing over its smooth and placid waters, enjoying a pleasant pastime, little thinking that only a quarter of a century ago the wild and uncivilized red man held absolute possession of it, and that it would have been either instant death or fearful torture to have ventured on its quiet waters. The change is marked and marvelous. These vast unbroken prairies of surpassing beauty, of unequalled richness and fertility, overshadowed with fair skies, and surrounded by beautiful scenery, and dotted with bright lakes, could not always remain in the possession of a rude and barbarous race. No. There are always brave and daring men who possess the courage to investigate and penetrate the great unknown. Such were the men who came to Clay county, not as discoverers, but as settlers, that the way might be made possible for its settlement and the development of its soil. That they accomplished this grand and noble object is wonderfully attested by its large population, its hundreds of schoolhouses for the education of the youth, its large and commodious places of worship, its beautiful villages and cities, and the teeming, prosperous multitude of farmers, merchants and mechanics who extend a hearty welcome to all who seek a home in this enchanting spot, where the broad, rich, rolling prairie land is to be had at a far less value than it is really worth.

The early developments of the county were quite slow, and but few events transpired worthy of note other than those mentioned. Its immigration being small, its real worth unknown, and there being so many thousands of acres of Government land to choose from, it is no wonder that it did not at once spring into prominence. The settlers plodded along, exerting their best energies to make for themselves homes and accumulate something for the future. They, however, in time, succeeded in effecting an organization, and had the county made a separate and distinct county. They made some public improvements, built a court house, and made numerous other county changes. There being but a few of them, they knew each other intimately, and the friendships thus formed in those days are yet unbroken. Everything moved along prosperously until 1874, when a plague, in the form of grasshoppers, came down upon them. The elements had been favorable, and the crops were plentiful, and gave evidences of yielding the toiling farmers a rich reward for their labors, when all at once this destructive and devastating plague swept down upon them. Swarms upon swarms of these pests came until the skies were black and the earth covered with them. They destroyed and laid waste to the green growing fields of waving corn, wheat, oats, etc. From field to field they went on their way, and when they left one to go to another it had the appearance of having been mowed

to the earth or left as bear as if nothing had ever grown there. It was a sad and terrible blow to the hard-working tillers of the soil. It was too late to plant and sow another crop, and even if they did there was no assurance that they would not receive another visit from these pests. Many farmers were poverty stricken. All they had had been swept away. Their source of revenue was gone, and even their potatoes, cabbages, turnips and other vegetables, which they intended to live upon during the coming winter, were taken from them. It was a pitiful plight in which they were placed. Many were without ready money, and many others had no hopes of getting any unless they sold the only team they possessed. While this might have furnished them temporary relief, for the fall and winter, when spring came they would be without means to purchase another team, and therefore would be unable to farm. Work was scarce; in fact, it was next to impossible to obtain employment. What should they do? was the inquiry one would make of another as they looked out upon their destroyed fields of grain and talked over the situation. Many grew disheartened, and gathering together their few effects, started for the East in search of employment, leaving behind them the farms which they had spent time and toil, and had almost lived upon long enough to acquire a title. It was a sad blow to these enduring and deserving farmers, who had struggled so hard to make for themselves a "place," that they could say "these one hundred and sixty acres belong to me." It was a trying time to the souls of many a man as he looked for the last time upon those fertile acres which he had cultivated, and which had promised him an abundant yield. These he must forsake, for to stay was to lose all.

Such were the conditions of affairs in 1875. The raid made by the grasshoppers did a great amount of injury to the county. An impression prevailed that they would make annual visits to this section, and it required several years to disabuse this belief Many remained, being more fortunately situated than those whom necessity required to go elsewhere to seek sustenance for the coming winter.

It was not until some two years afterwards that immigration began to turn in this direction, and even then it was somewhat limited. The scare was not over, and the people who wanted to come waited to see if the grasshopper would make another visit. They had heard of the work done by them, and of the privations of those who went and stayed, and were thus prevented from coming. In time these fears were removed, and Clay began to fill up. When the railroad came, the prospects of future settlement became more encouraging. In the spring of 1879 the tide came. Many came to purchase land, others to build and establish homes. As if by magic houses sprang into existence, and the prairies were soon dotted over with well-tilled farms and good, substantial farm houses. It was well worth the years of solitude and privations of the early settler to see his home suddenly surrounded by other farms under good cultivation; and to live within a short distance of friendly and pleasant neighbors.

We have thus briefly and imperfectly sketched the earlier struggles, the repeated failures and the final triumphs of Clay county, and have seen it trans-

formed from a vast unbroken prairie into almost a wilderness of farms, dwellings, towns and villages. Even to-day it is a source of genuine comfort to those who went through the hardships we have enumerated to tell the new-comer of the trials and troubles of the early days, and to point out the many and varied improvements made in the past ten, fifteen and twenty odd years.

ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT.

Until the year 1856 the only inhabitants of Clay county were the Indians and the great Northwestern Iowa was a trackless prairie. But gradually settlement extended its way westward and the great, rich and fertile prairies began to teem with activity. And as the years rolled around immigration increased and the east heard of the wonderful productiveness of the soil; the salubrious climate, the cheapness of land and the population multiplied itself in a short time. The lack of settlement for so many years was to an extent due to a lack of timber. There appeared to be desire among the settlers to select the timbered districts and to regard the prairies as worthless for agricultural purposes because they did not produce the necessaries for fuel and fences. But gradually there came a change in the minds of men in regard to this, and the great West with its boundless and sweeping prairies were sought for and then came the rush. And when the soil was subjected to farm tillage and reaped such rich harvests its fame was spread far and wide, and Northwestern Iowa became known as the great agricultural centre of the West. But this was not accomplished in a year but required time and patience to develop and make known all of its natural resources.

The first permanent settlement by whites known was made in the spring of 1856. Previous to this settlement the firm of Lane & Ray, government surveyors, had passed through this country and run the township lines and selected a number of claims and staked them out, and, as was and is the custom in new countries, had posted the sign, "Claimed by Lane & Ray." Whether deciding to relinquish their claims to these lands to some more determined men who would brave and bear the wants, privations and hardships of pioneer life or obtaining a more lucrative and luxurious position or business, they at least never returned to make their claim good or establish their ownership to the land. The principal portions of the land claimed by these surveyors were located along the banks of the river in the south part of the county.

Unquestionably the earliest permanent white settlers in Clay county were the Kirchners who came here in April, 1856. In the year 1855 J. A. Kirchner, in company with his brother Jacob, set out from his native state, New York, to find fame and fortune in the far away west of whose wonders he had heard and read so much. As they had no settled point in view they traveled from place to place, hearing glowing accounts of the state of Iowa. They drifted westward until they reached Cedar Falls, then but a small village near the borders of the west, where supplies were obtained by the pioneers. After reaching this place they formed the acquaintance of Ambrose S. Mead, who, like themselves, was desirous of exploring the western part of the state. Mr. Mead possessed some Indian ponies which he tendered the use of to the New Yorkers, which were gladly accepted of by them. They at once purchased a sleigh and the neces-

sary provisions to last them during their search for a location and started out on their trip. Being impressed with the advantages of Spirit Lake and its surroundings, of which they had heard so much, they directed their course toward that historical part of the great Hawkeye State. While on their way they inspected numerous points and were greatly pleased with the beauty and wealth of the soil. Upon reaching a point near Algona, Kossuth county, they met a Mr. Brown, who informed them that he had spent a part of the year previous with an United States surveying party and was thoroughly acquainted with all the new territory. After making known to him their intentions to go to Spirit Lake to locate he remarked to them: "Why don't you go to Clay county? That is the finest county in the state and the land is the best."

After a long conversation in which a full description of the county was given and the route to take, they set out and finally reached a point just a little west of where Peterson is now located. Being unable to cross the river they, however, made a careful survey of the surroundings and decided to locate there. Their impression of the county was most favorable and they saw that the glowing accounts of the beauty and fertility of the soil had in no sense been exaggerated and they there and then decided to make it their home for life. They immediately made claim to the timber land along the river on sections 32, 33 and 34, township 94, range 38, being in all about 300 acres, which was equally divided among the three. After choosing their land and settling everything satisfactorily among themselves they returned to Cedar Falls where they purchased the necessary teams, farm implements and provisions and returned to their new home where they immediately set to work to perfect arrangements for the immediate occupancy and improvement of their claims. The first work of the pioneers upon reaching their claims was the erection of a cabin or log house and at the same time to commence breaking the ground on their newly acquired farms. The first plowing done was by J. A. Kirchner in May, 1856. Mr. Kirchner, after building a house and arranging for his crops, set out for New York and in the fall returned with his father, Christian Kirchner, and wife and ten children. The house was built of logs; trees were fell and hewn and placed together. Shortly after the completion of this log cabin, James Bicknell and family arrived and it was sold to him. Then Mr. Kirchner set to work to build another, which stands to-day just in the rear of a building in the corporate limits of Peterson. These first cabins were very primitive affairs but they answered the purposes most satisfactorily. Among the next settlers were the Gillett brothers, George and ————, who settled at what is now known as Gillett's Grove. During the year there also arrived Ezra Wilcox and a Mr. Wilcox. Although the winter was quite severe the little band of pioneers suffered no discomforts other than what was incident to a partially completed preparation, and their stock passed through without loss. In the meantime the progress of settlement had rapidly increased and a small town had sprung up in Webster county where the Government had established a fort, known as Fort Dodge, which made the distance a great deal less from which to obtain supplies.

The little settlement of energetic and determined pioneers made unusual progress with their labors to complete their homes and increase and enhance their possessions. It was not until something over a year after taking possess-

ion of these lands that they did acquire title to them. They went to Sioux City and made formal entry. The distance was quite great, but they became accustomed to long journeys and did not mind it. Their trips to and from the trading points were made twice a year and a sufficient supply was purchased to last from spring to fall and from fall to spring. There were no incidents worthy of note during the first eighteen months of their residence and they began to think that all dangers were passed and the future forboded nothing but peace and prosperity. Their crops were good, their stock in excellent condition and increasing, the families healthy and contented, and everything pointed to pleasant and happy homes.

During the next year the little band was increased by the arrival of John Kindelspyer, who located in the southeastern part of the county, also Frederick, William and C. H. Brockschink. In the spring of 1858 there came Charles C. and H. E W. Smeltzer; the former was subsequently elected County Judge and the latter held several county offices. There were a number of other arrivals but the settlement was by no means rapidly swelled, as the census of 1860 shows only a total population of 52. But those who came located their claims and proceeded to improve them with all their might and main and to build for themselves houses. The first religious services were held at Peterson at the residence of C. Kirchner on Sunday, in August, 1856, and were conducted by Rev. O. S. Wright. On that occasion nearly every soul in the county attended divine worship. The class of people settled here at that time were a moral and upright class and gave hearty accord to the establishing of religious services.

THE INDIAN TROUBLES.

Our little band of pioneers progressed rapidly in developing the soil and making suitable homes for themselves and were undisturbed by the few Indians that were living in and about Clay county at that time. Small bands of these wandering tribes frequently made the settlers visits but gave no cause to them for alarm. They appeared to be friendly and made no pretentions of disturbing the whites. Up to February, 1857, the colony had been favored by uninterrupted peace and prosperity, but in that month the red skins came down upon them and threatened for a time an overthrow of all their bright hopes. It appears that during the month previous a party of Indians passed down the Sioux river with the intentions of paying a friendly visit and as they made no signs of molesting the whites no fears were apprehended, but when they had passed farther into the white settlement the latter became greatly alarmed at their boldness and at Smithland the 60 or 70 warriors were disarmed and given to understand that while they would not be molested on their journey they would not be permitted to carry fire arms. Upon having their arms taken from them they became greatly enraged and immediately started back vowing vengence on all whites whom they should meet. On their returning they stopped at every house, appropriating everything in the way of fire-arms and provisions they could lay their hands on. When they had secured sufficient rifles and ammunition to arm their numbers they became bolder and not only slaughtered the stock, seized their provisions, burned their houses, but killed the settlers and created a reign of terror throughout the country. The Clay county settlers

had heard of the depredations they were committing and were thoroughly alarmed for the safety of themselves and property. When they came to the home of Mr. Bicknell and finding no one there—he with his family having gone to Mr. Kirchner's across the river—they immediately appropriated everything which met their fancy. The next day they made their appearance at the Kirchner home, where they found the terror stricken settlers huddled together. Without any ceremony they captured all the arms to be found, killed the cattle and took what they wanted. After remaining in the Peterson settlement for a day and night they pushed on, leaving the whites badly frightened but thankful that they had escaped with their lives. This band of blood thirsty Siouxs then proceeded to the house of Ambrose Mead, who was absent at the time at Cedar Falls. Previous to leaving for this place he had arranged to have a Mr. Taylor and family remain with Mrs. Mead and children during his stay. When the Indians came Mr. Taylor protested against their taking the property or disturbing the premises. Becoming angry at Taylor for his interference, they threatened to kill him if he did not keep out of their way. Fearing that they would carry out their threats, Taylor left the women and children and set out to secure assistance. The Indians killed the stock, drove off the ponies and carried the women with them. But fearing they would be pursued and overtaken they decided to allow the women to return after taking such liberties as the helpless women could not prevent. They then directed their steps toward Linn Grove and Sioux Rapids where they subjected the settlers to the same treatment they had given the Mead and Taylor families. From thence they went to Gillett's Grove, where they not only repeated their operations but burned their buildings. The Indians had no sooner left Peterson than a courier was sent to Sac City to inform the people there and to give warning to the settlers of the depredations being committed by the red devils. A company was at once formed consisting of settlers and set out in great haste to overtake them. They followed them to within a few miles of where Spencer now stands, but a severe storm coming on prevented the Indians from being overtaken and caused the settlers to seek refuge from the terrible snow storm. The Indians, however, hurried on to Okoboji and Spirit Lake and massacred the entire colony, men, women and children with one exception, Miss Abagail Sharpe, who was subsequently rescued and has written a book detailing the history of the attack, massacre and the horrible tortures inflicted on the helpless captured by those wild, blood thirsty and inhuman brutes. When the horrible and blood curdling tale of the Spirit Lake butchery became known to the settlers, many of them being so thoroughly alarmed, they left their claims entirely or sought refuge at the home of friends. This tribe was under the leadership of a chief known as Inn-pah-du-tah and whose crimes are the most atrocious in the annals of Iowa Indian history. This had the effect to materially check settlement throughout the Northwest.

The Indians kept up their onward march of death and destruction until they reached Jackson, Minnesota. In the meantime companies well armed were hurriedly organized and sent to this point, where they met and attacked the Indians and succeeded in defeating them. They had, however, been increasing their force until now it numbered over a thousand. The battle was a sharp

one, but finally they were sent flying westward until they were driven out of Minnesota and Iowa. The Indians being exterminated from Clay county and peace and safety being restored, the settlers were given a chance to repair their property and to proceed with their work of developing its resources and the cultivation of the soil. From that date Clay county was no more troubled with Indians.

THE COURT HOUSE HISTORY.

After the election of 1858 Clay was equipped with a full quota of officers. She neither had a court house nor a public building of any description, and as a result the officers made their homes public buildings, and whatever public meetings were required to be held were held at the most convenient house. This was not all. Clay was duly organized and officered, but she was without a county seat. Judge Hubbard, then the presiding Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, comprehending the condition of affairs, in open court appointed a commission, consisting of three, who were supposed to be disinterested parties, to locate the county seat, They selected the site previously mentioned, and named it Spencer, in honor of United States Senator Spencer, of Alabama, who had been one of the United States surveying party which had surveyed Clay county and established the boundary lines. The committee made their report to Charles C. Smeltzer, then County Judge. Whereupon he entered upon the court docket the following order:

"I, Charles C. Smeltzer, County Judge of said (Clay) county, and the official head thereof, do hereby order that said town of Spencer, named in their report as the county seat of Clay county, Iowa, be and is from this time hence 'till changed, according to law, the seat of justice of said county."

For several months the court records are dated "Spencer, Clay county, Iowa," but that was finally dropped, and the former form, "Office of the County Judge" was substituted, showing that the Judge while in spirit was at Spencer, in person he was many miles away.

A petition was in time drawn up and circulated among the settlers and generally signed, and on the 14th day of May, 1860, was presented to Judge Smeltzer. The petitioners prayed that an election might be called to test the county seat question, and that they should be given the privilege to select the site. The prayer was granted, and on the 27th day of June, 1860, after due notice having been given, the voters of the county, of which there were ten, decided to locate the county seat at what is now known as Peterson. At this election Judge Smeltzer was authorized to cause to be erected a court house building at the new county seat, at an expense of $6,000. Bids and plans were immediately advertised for, and on the 15th day of September, 1860, the contract was let to C. H. Brockschink. Work was at once commenced, and in due course of time was completed, and Clay county had a court house. Mr. Brockschink afterwards presented a claim for $1,500 for extra work done, and was allowed $900. Additions were subsequently made to the building to accommodate the officers, and it is claimed that these additions cost the county quite an extravagant sum of money. It is not unfrequent to hear the earlier settlers speak of the "$40,000 court house."

During the interim of 1860 and 1870 the norihern part of the county received a large immigration, and in time became more numerously inhabited than the southwestern part. Its voting population in 1870, combined with the eastern section, was, therefore, numerically greater than the southern part.

The location of the county seat in the extreme southwestern corner was very inconvenient for those living in the northern part. As the years passed by, a feeling of dissatisfaction grew up with the location, and the more the subject was agitated the greater the displeasure of the northern and eastern people became. A petition was drawn up and circulated among the voters, and received many signatures. The petition set forth that Peterson, the county seat, was inconvenient of access, that it was not sufficiently centrally located, and the people demanded that the seat of government should be placed where it would accommodate the many, and not a chosen few. The petition was presented to the Board of Supervisors, which body ordered an election to be held. The result was that the county seat was re-located, and Spencer chosen as the place. The principal argument against the removal, previous to the election, was that Spencer was not provided with a building of sufficient size to meet the requirements of the county officials. This argument was immediately met by the citizens of Spencer setting to work and erecting a building that would meet these requirements. It was no easy task in those days to erect a building. The lumber must be hauled a distance of forty or fifty miles, and the amount of money required to purchase a thousand feet of lumber in those days would now buy three thousand. But, undaunted, the attempt was made. A stock company was at once organized, shares were sold, and the entire community in and around Spencer became interested. Those who were unable to buy a share and pay the money, gave days' labor. "Where there's a will there's a way," is an old saying, and in a short time the building was completed and ready for occupancy. The structure was afterwards sold to the county for $1,333, payment being made in county warrants, at that time away below par. Even at that price, it would seem to-day that it was an extravagant figure, but it cost the stock company a much greater sum. We insert the propositlon made by the company to the Board of Supervisors, not for its intrinsic worth, but as an incident of the earlier times. It is as follows:

"We hereby propose to the Board of Supervisors of Clay county, Iowa, to sell them the Court House and lot owned by the Spencer Court House Company, for $1,333, in county warrants.

(Signed), J. B. EDMUNDS, Secretary.
G. D. MARCELLUS, President."

This building was occupied until 1882, when it became inadequate for the wants of county purposes, and its dimensions too limited. The Board of Supervisors then leased of A. W. Miller, the basement and several of the rooms in the second story of the Clay county bank, using the second story of the Court House for court purposes.

At the April meeting of the Board of Supervisors in 1884, it was decided to build a new Court House. A number of liberal-spirited citizens purchased the block on which the present Court House now stands, and donated it to the county. The contract was let to H. H. Wade for $4,435, and the present brick

building was constructed. It is two stories high, and contains seven rooms, besides the court room. It is supplied with two large vaults, and is in every way of sufficient size to meet the present demands.

There are many who regard the present building lacking in architectural beauty and finish, and criticise the Board of Supervisors for not constructing one on a more pretentious scale. At the time it was built the people of the county were opposed to making an appropriation for a court house, and as the law would not permit the Board of Supervisors to expend a sum greater than $5,000, they were from necessity compelled to keep within that limit. Such briefly are the facts connected with the various changes made in court house buildings during the past twenty-nine years.

OFFICIAL ROSTER.

We herewith give a complete official list of the vote by years for all the county officers. There are two reasons for furnishing this in detail: First, That the reader may get an idea of the gradual growth of the county in numbers; and, secondly, that he may form some faint idea of the close and exciting elections held:

1858.

COUNTY JUDGE.

Charles C. Smeltzer..... 9

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Ambrose S. Mead..... 9

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

S. W. Foreman..... 17

SHERIFF.

Henry Brockschink..... 18

CLERK OF COURTS.

Ezra M. Wilcox.....

SURVEYOR.

S. W. Foreman..... 5
Charles Oldfield..... 2

CORONER.

Christian Kirchner..... 18

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

John Kindelspyer..... 17

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

John Kindelspyer..... 16
James Bicknell..... 13
Ambrose S. Mead..... 4

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR.

Eli Wilcox..... 9
John Kindelspyer..... 4
A. S. Mead..... 1

CONSTABLES.

Henry Wilcox..... 18
J. A. Kirchner..... 18

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

S. W. Foreman..... 18
J. A. Kirchner..... 18
John Kindelspyer..... 17

TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Harvey Gardner..... 18

ROAD SUPERVISOR.

A. S. Mead..... 18

1859.

COUNTY JUDGE.

C. C. Smeltzer..... 10

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

John Kindelspyer..... 10

SHERIFF.

W. H. Bain..... 10

SURVEYOR.

H. E. W. Smeltzer..... 10

CORONER.

A. S. Mead..... 10

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

H. E. W. Smeltzer..... 6
Wm. Crozier..... 4

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

G. A. Kirchner..... 6
W. R. Blain..... 4

1860.

CLERK OF COURTS.

H. E. W. Smeltzer..... 11
Wm. Crozier..... 9

ERECTING COURT HOUSE.

For the proposition..... 14
Against the proposition..... 7

1861.

REPRESENTATIVE.

C. C. Smeltzer..... 18
A. S. Collins..... 4

COUNTY JUDGE.

C. A. Clark..... 14
C. C. Smeltzer..... 3

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

C. Kirchner, Sr..... 16
John Kindelspyer..... 5

SHERIFF.

Joseph Goodnow..... 18

CORONER.

F. W. Brockschink..... 7
A. S. Mead..... 3

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Isaac Enders..... 21

SURVEYOR.

H. E. W. Smeltzer..... 18

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

Jacob Kirchner..... 16

1862.

CLERK OF COURTS.

J. A. Kirchner..... 7
C. W. Clark..... 5

1863.

COUNTY JUDGE.

C. H. Brockschink..... 9

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

C. Kirchner, Jr..... 10

SHERIFF.

R. B. Crego..... 8

CORONER.

J. W. Brockschink..... 9

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

Jacob Kirchner..... 10

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. A. Kirchner..... 10

SURVEYOR.

F. W. Brockschink..... 10

1864.

CLERK OF COURTS.

R. B. Crego..... 30

RECORDER.

C. Kirchner..... 16
John Kindelspyer..... 13
C. H. Brockschink..... 1

SURVEYOR.

Wm. Crozier..... 16

CLERK OF COURTS—(*To Fill Vacancy*).

Jacob Kirchner..... 11

1865.

TREASURER.

J. J. Bicknell..... 19
S. T. Collins..... 18

COUNTY JUDGE.

J. L. Crozier..... 20
D. W. Inman..... 17

SHERIFF.

Geo. C. Kindelspyer..... 33

CORONER.

J. W. Brockschink..... 17

SURVEYOR.

J. L. Crozier..... 20
Jacob Kirchner..... 17

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

H. H. Mead..... 16

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

N. L. Chesley..... 16

1866.

CLERK OF COURTS.

R. B. Crego..... 51
Wm. Y. Crozier..... 37

RECORDER.

C. Kirchner, Jr..... 52
P. M. Moore..... 37

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

R. A. Coates..... 44
Ellis George..... 32

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

R. S. Hough... 35

1867.

COUNTY JUDGE.

P. M. Moore..... 56
J. L. Crozier..... 1

CLERK OF COURTS.

S. W. Dubois..... 42
Jesse Pickering..... 24

TREASURER.

D. N. Coats..... 35
J. J. Bicknell..... 31

SHERIFF.

David Watts..... 61
D. Coates..... 1
Joseph Crozier..... 1

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

R. A. Coats..... 65

SURVEYOR.

P. M. Moore..... 66

CORONER.

J. L. Crozier..... 62

DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

J. W. Brockschink..... 8
Alfred Van Norman..... 1
O. C. Potts..... 2
Joseph Crozier..... 1

1868.

CLERK OF COURTS.

S. W. Dubois..... 60
Jesse Pickering..... 14

TREASURER.

J. J. Bicknell..... 73
L. Smith..... 1

1869.

TREASURER.

S. W. Dubois..... 70
J. J. Bicknell..... 44

AUDITOR.

Samuel Gonser..... 68
Joseph Crozier..... 39
George Crozier..... 3

SHERIFF.

T. C. Dodd..... 87
Geo. M. Collins..... 24

CLERK OF COURTS.

Samuel Gonser..... 51
Joseph Crozier..... 27
George Crozier..... 3

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Charles Carver..... 81

SURVEYOR.

P. M. Moore..... 51

CORONER.

J. W. Brockschink..... 96
P. M. Moore..... 1

1870.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Joseph L. Crozier..... 266

RECORDER.

J. G. Dodd..... 267

SHERIFF.

John Copper..... 262

CORONER.

Thomas McCormick..... 258

1871.

REPRESENTATIVE.

H. B. Wood..... 561

TREASURER.

M. F. Griffin..... 350
S. W. Dubois..... 232

AUDITOR.

L. M. Pemberton..... 415
C. K. Matteson..... 154

SHERIFF.

Albert Wheeler..... 383
George F. Martin..... 193

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. E. Chase..... 387
H. D. Parsons..... 179

SURVEYOR.

Mark Hunt..... 403
P. M. Moore..... 55

CORONER.

C. J. Wright..... 356
S. J. Egleston..... 36

FOR LOCATION OF COUNTY SEAT.

Spencer..... 359
Peterson..... 200

1872.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Ackley Hubbard..... 385
J. L. Cline..... 257

RECORDER.

John Copper..... 379
S. W. Dubois..... 261
J. L. Cline..... 3

CORONER.

Marshall Hines..... 639
Scattering..... 2

1873.

REPRESENTATIVE.

H. B. Wood..... 412
C. W. Inman..... 118
L. G. Ireland..... 43

AUDITOR.

L. M. Pemberton..... 576
J. E. Chase..... 3

TREASURER.

M. E. Griffin..... 408
Wm. Abbey..... 176

SHERIFF.

Albert Wheeler..... 373
W. Hunter..... 204
W. Richards..... 4

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. E. Chase..... 399
Mattie McPherson..... 172

SURVEYOR.

Mark Hunt..... 426
J. T. Painter..... 158

CORONER.

Charles McAllister..... 581

1874.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Ackley Hubbard..... 447

RECORDER.

A. H. Cheney..... 283
John Copper..... 208

CORONER.

Charles McAllister..... 443
M. E. Hines..... 4

1875.

AUDITOR.

L. M. Pemberton..... 387
J. M. Spencer..... 341

TREASURER.

M. E. Griffin..... 399
J. C. Tabor..... 328

SHERIFF.

J. E. Francis..... 269
J. R. Patterson..... 208
J. G. Dodd..... 52
A. H. Wilber..... 104
W. H. Hunter..... 64

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. E. Chase..... 255
D. W. Crouse..... 181
Mark Hunt..... 162
E. C. Greene..... 118

CORONER.

J. Rood..... 292
E. E. Harris..... 152
Ezra Hockett..... 26
Scattering..... 16

SURVEYOR.

A. W. Drake..... 604
W. Abbey..... 77
J. T. Painter..... 33
Mark Hunt..... 2

1876.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Harry Chamberlain..... 457
C. M. Squires..... 201
Scattering..... 5

RECORDER.

S. W. Dubois..... 504
Winslow Abbey..... 164

1877.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Charles McAllister..... 609

AUDITOR.

Ackley Hubbard..... 322
A. F. McConnell..... 302
R. A. Coats..... 5

TREASUREK.

M. E. Griffin..... 363
J. Messenger..... 268

SHERIFF.

J. E. Francis..... 342
J. R. Patterson..... 286

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Samuel Gillespie..... 394
Geo. H. Williams..... 220
J. E. Chase..... 6

SURVEYOR.

A. W. Drake..... 330
E. N. Jencks..... 302

CORONER.

Jacob Rood..... 636

1878.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Harry Chamberlain..... 440
H. B. Wood..... 192

RECORDER.

S. W. Dubois..... 450
J. P. Evans..... 187

1879.

AUDITOR.

A. T. McCargar 461
H. C. Brown 42

TREASURER.

P. E. Randall 787
Scattering 6

SHERIFF.

J. R. Patterson 410
P. W. Madden 302
M. G. Shull 87

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Samuel Gillespie 419
Lottie Kirchner 379

SURVEYOR.

E. N. Jencks 656
A. W. Drake 127

CORONER.

J. Rood 781
E. A. Maker 11

1880.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Harry Chamberlain 796
L. Sutherland 124

RECORDER.

S. W. Dubois 386
A. F. Masterman 159
Charles Darrow 282
T. L. Bailey 93

1881.

AUDITOR.

H. B. Wood 703
Scattering 6

TREASURER.

P. E. Randall 713

SHERIFF.

P. W. Madden 399
J. R. Patterson 394
E. A. Maker 120

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

M. M. Gilchrist 392
O. W. Towner 314

SURVEYOR.

E. N. Jeucks..... 515
J. T. Painter..... 153
A. W. Drake..... 40

CORONER.

A. K. Train..... 669
Scattering..... 92

1882.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Harry Chamberlain..... 893

RECORDER.

Mrs. N. O. Dubois..... 830
J. E. Steele..... 45
Scattering..... 4

1883.

STATE SENATOR.

C. C. Chubb..... 806
Alexander Mitchell..... 331

REPRESENTATIVE.

C. W. Fillmore..... 809
J. J. Condon..... 294
Z. A. Wellman..... 31

AUDITOR.

H. B. Wood..... 916
L. Sutherland..... 219

TREASURER.

P. E. Randall..... 938
W. W. Scott..... 195

SHERIFF.

P. W. Madden..... 947
Morgan Shull..... 184

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

M. M. Gilchirst..... 790
Louis Lange..... 330

CORONER.

Jacob Rood..... 902
S. J. Green..... 229

SURVEYOR.

J. T. Painter..... 803
E. N. Jencks..... 315

1884.

CLERK OF COURTS.

Harry Chamberlain.....1367

RECORDER.

Mrs. N. O. Dubois..... 1359
Mrs. E. N. Dickinson..... 7

1885.

AUDITOR.

H. B. Wood..... 940
Geo. W. Anderson..... 369

TREASURER.

P. E. Randall..... 989
Eben Bailey..... 331

SHERIFF.

P. W. Madden.....1072
S. J. Green..... 240
George Mann..... 1

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

George Mann..... 654
M. M. Gilchrist..... 613

SURVEYOR.

J. T. Painter..... 989
S. B. Gould..... 333

CORONER.

A. Chamberlain..... 940
J. H. Lewis..... 373

1886.

CLERK OF COURTS.

A. H. Cheney..... 744
Harry Chamberlain..... 706
Scattering..... 8

RECORDER.

Mrs. E. N. Dickinson..... 833
Mrs. N. O. Dubois..... 643
Scattering..... 5

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

A. C. Parker.....1445
Scattering..... 2

1887.

REPRESENTATIVE.

C. W. Fillmore.....1023
S. Sturdevan..... 343

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AUDITOR.

H. B. Wood..... 556
A. F. McConnell..... 467
E. C. Greene..... 110
F. G. Alvord..... 254

TREASURER.

Geo. E. Runyan..... 650
J. C. Tabor..... 135
J. H. Hale..... 254
J. S. Brownell..... 108
A. M. Jones..... 256

SHERIFF.

P. W. Madden..... 1037
Geo. Andrew..... 198
J. O. Hodgin..... 66
J. S. Green..... 96

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

John Dolvin..... 493
George Mann..... 368
L. C. Ford..... 490

SURVEYOR.

J. T. Painter..... 766
A. W. Drake..... 475

CORONER.

A. Chamberlain..... 1063
H. M. Clopper..... 284

1888.

CLERK OF COURTS.

A. H. Cheney..... 1671
Fanny Haggerty..... 37
Scattering..... 5

RECORDER.

Mrs. D. N. Dickinson..... 1704
Scattering..... 10

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

A. C. Parker..... 1692
Scattering..... 8

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

1871.—J. F. Calkins, Chairman; J. J. Duroe, J. C. Tabor.

1872.—E. H. Puffer, Chairman; J. J. Duroe, J. C. Tabor.

1873.—Wesley Goss, Chairman; E. H. Puffer, J. C. Tabor.

The Board during this year decided to increase the number to five members.

1874.—J. C. Tabor, Chairman; E. H. Puffer, Wesley Goss, William Harvey, C. H. Wait.

1875.—William Harvey, Chairman; Wesley Goss, C. H. Wait, J. C. Tabor, A. F. McConnell.

1876.—William Harvey, Chairman; C. H. Wait, A. F. McConnell, D. F. O. Cuttell, Eben Bailey.

1877.—A. F. McConnell, Chairman; Eben Bailey, D. F. O. Cuttell, H. S. Bender, J. F. Calkins.

1878.—Eben Bailey, Chairman; D. F. O. Cuttell, J. F. Calkins, H. S. Bender, J. D. McDonald.

1879.—J. J. Duroe, Chairman; John F. Calkins, H. S. Bender, J. D. McDonald. Charles Hunt was duly elected but failed to qualify and Jacob Merritt was appointed to fill the vacancy.

1880.—James Goodwin, Chairman; J. D. McDonald, J. J. Duroe, Horace Smith, Reuben Somers.

1881.—J. J. Duroe, Chairman; James Goodwin, H. Smith, John Dodge, Reuben Somers.

1882.—T. P. Bender, Chairman; James Goodwin, John Dodge, R. Somers, Hiram Watts. The latter resigned and J. G. Dodd was selected to fill the vacancy.

1883.—John Dodge, Chairman; T. P. Bender, James Goodwin, J. P. Mills, J. G. Dodd.

1884.—J. G. Dodd, Chairman; T. P. Bender, J. P. Mills, G. M. Smith, James Goodwin.

1885.—J. P. Mills, Chairman; J. G. Dodd, James Goodwin, T. P. Bender, J. W. Fairbanks. Mr. Fairbanks resigned and J. A. Kirchner was appointed.

1886.—T. P. Bender, Chairman; H. J. Taber, R. B. Jones, J. A. Kirchner, J. G. Dodd, (resigned), John Mates, (appointed).

1887.—T. P. Bender, Chairman; R. B. Jones, H. J. Taber, John Mates, R. A. Stewart.

1888.—T. P. Bender, Chairman; H. J. Taber, John Mates, R. A. Stewart

1889.—T. P. Bender, Chairman; Weis, Vincent.

ITS TOWNSHIPS.

Clay county originally consisted of but one civil township, designated as Clay.

In October, Douglas was created, embracing nearly one-half the county.

In September, 1860, Sioux county was constituted and remained in existence until January, 1868, when it was attached to Clay.

Spencer dates its birth September 11th, 1866, and embraced the north half of the county,

Lincoln, named in honor of the lamented President, Abraham Lincoln, was born January 7th, 1867.

It was three years before another township was created and received the euphonious title of Bridgewater. Summit was christened in 1872.

In September, 1873, Gillett's Grove and Herdland were created.

Riverton was set off July 7th, 1874.

Lone Tree township was formed October 15th, 1877.

On September 2d, 1878, Peterson township was first known to exist.

In June, 1882, the Board of Supervisors authorized the organization of Meadow, Lake, Logan and Freeman townships.

Waterford was formed in 1884.

Garfield, the last in the list, came in January, 1889.

AN EARLY INCIDENT.

Mr. Gillett, one of the earlier settlers of the county, and for whom Gillett's Grove bears its name, recently visited friends in this county and the scene of his former home. During his visit he related an event which he hitherto had never made public. Mr. Gillett is now quite aged and in a few more short years his race will be run, and, as he said, "it was useless to keep it a secret any longer, as the participants had passed over the silent river of death." The story is substantially as follows: He, with his brother, came to Clay county in the fall of 1856, and located at what is now known as Gillett's Grove, which is a beautiful grove, filled with growing trees and through which courses the Little Sioux river. After deciding upon their location, they agreed to divide the grove equally, and one take the north and the other the south part. This being settled they at once set to work and in a short time had constructed neat log houses and prepared themselves comfortably for the winter. Being amply supplied with fire wood and their log houses being built not alone with a view to convenience, but as well for warmth, they had no fears of suffering from the storms or intense cold weather, which were notable at that time in this section. The only fears they entertained were from the Indians. But at that time they did not make frequent visits to this particular section, for the reason that there was but little game, poor fishing and no settlements. The newly acquired property holders therefore felt themselves safe and comfortable from any intrusions from the wild savages whose treachery they so much feared. Everything passed along quietly for several months until one day a tribe under Chief Ink-pa-du-tah came and set up their tepees on the banks of Lost Island Lake. The settlers upon learning of their arrival and location feared that the Indians would discover the location of their houses and visit them. Their fears were well founded, for in a few days several of the red skins paid them a visit. The white settlers treated them kindly and gave them provisions and they left for their camping grounds expressing their friendship and thanks for the food given them. In a few days another lot of them came headed by a stalwart brave who had been with the others a few days before. After saying their usual "How" they were supplied by the whites and returned to the lake. During both visits it was noticeable that one of them—the one who led the second group—had his eyes constantly fixed in admiration upon Mrs. Gillett. Wherever she went and whenever she moved the Indian's eyes were upon her. In a few days he returned, this time alone. He was given a seat and provided with a meal. He went away, but every two or three days he came and although saying nothing, his looks indicated his admiration for Mrs. Gillett. His visits grew so constant and frequent that they became annoying, not only to Mrs.

Gillett, but the two families. He was constantly prowling around and appearing before them at the most unexpected moments until he became a great nuisance. He was given to understand that his visits were not desired, but to these reminders he paid not the least attention. He was always fed and well treated for the reason that the settlers did not wish to give any offense to the tribe or incur their enmity. But becoming emboldened by the kind treatment that had been extended him, he came one day in the absence of Mr. Gillett and mastering all the English language he possessed he made certain propositions to Mrs. Gillett which she indignantly rejected and warned him to leave. He left the home in a short time but had not gone a great distance when Mr. Gillett returned home. His wife immediately informed him of what the Indian had proposed. The husband took down his rifle and learning the direction the Indian had taken set out after him. After a few minutes' walk he caught sight of him and drew up his rifle and fired. He did not wait to ascertain the result of the shot but returned to his log cabin and ate his supper. In the morning in company with his brother he visited the spot and there found a dead Indian. The brothers, after severing the head from the body—which they subsequently sent to an eastern medical college—placed it in a hollow tree. They at once packed up their belongings and started for Fort Dodge, knowing full well that the Indians would discover the absence of the buck, knowing his fondness for Mrs. Gillett, would come there in search of him and finding no trace of him would suspicion that they had killed him and would revenge themselves upon the white settlers. They therefore deemed it prudent to make their escape before the arrival of the searching party which they did. Subsequently they learned that the Indians did come and not finding him set fire to the buildings and destroyed everything about the late homes of the Gillett's. In a short time they visited Okoboji lakes and their barbarous, inhuman treatment and cruelty are matters of history.

ITS DEVELOPMENT.

The census of Clay in 1860 showed the population to be only 52. Two years later it nearly doubled itself, there being 100 persons. In 1865 the enumerators reported 175. In 1867 it had increased to 369, more than doubling itself. During the next two years immigration was not so rapid, as the population only numbered 450, but during the fall of 1869 and the spring of 1870 there was a great influx, and the number of persons ran up to 1,523. New life and energy was infused in those who had lived here so long, and had seen years roll by with only a small increase annually. The next two years the county more than doubled itself, and it was reported that there were 3,585 souls in the county. In 1875 the number was 3,560. The census enumerators of 1880 reported the number to be 4,248, and in 1885, 6,438. The next enumeration will occur in 1890, when, if the same proportion of increase is maintained, the total population of the county will reach fully 15,000. At present the population is not short of 12,000. The benefits and advantages of this county are being seen and appreciated.

As a matter of course, the personal property of the county would neces-

sarily increase in a degree in proportion as the population increased. We have, therefore, prepared a tabulated statement of the assessed valuation of personal property, commencing with the year 1879, and ending with 1888, thus showing the various assessments for the past ten years. Also a statement of the assessed valuation of real estate for the same length of time. The statements are taken from the County Treasurer's book, and are given by townhips.

1888.	Value Of Land.	Value of Personal Property.
Herdland	$165,119	$ 23,602
Douglas	114,022	20,218
Ind. District of Peterson	43,310	31,261
Peterson	107,532	32,048
Clay	111,369	32,094
Lincoln	108,305	22,947
Gillett Grove	105,802	19,082
Logan	114,304	5,701
Freeman	106,118	51,006
Lake	75,646	11,695
Meadow	102,654	23,614
Spencer	89,564	42,033
Ind. District of Spencer	297,917	114,697
Riverton	94,761	51,279
Lone Tree	111,960	54,579
Waterford	101,681	5,586
Summit	113,620	37,610

1887.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Property.	Value Of Lots.
Herdland	$163,935	$ 19,238	
Douglas	111,802	20,170	
Ind. District of Peterson	44,442	25,238	
Peterson	20,186	24,661	
Clay	22,523	25,033	
Lincoln	21,910	19,816	
Gillett Grove	21,812	17,029	
Logan	25,972	4,438	
Freeman	20,417	40,587	
Lake	19,290	10,372	
Meadow	21,723	19,262	
Spencer	19,297	35,173	
Ind. District of Spencer	3,448	102,013	$154,499
Riverton	20,618	45,676	
Lone Tree	21,807	39,196	7,108
Waterford	22,439	3,997	
Summit	21,882	35,217	

VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Townships.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.
Herdland	$14,390	$12,112	$14,285	$10,474	$12,403	$16,168	$ 5,331	$ 4,112
Douglas	19,026	17,079	11,342	12,237	15,066	17,768	19,163	15,155
Ind. Dist. of Peterson	23,154	33,636	17,495	19,128	10,989	.....	.....	.....
Peterson	19,557	17,853	7,527	14,824	7,589	14,585	11,145	8,812
Clay	17,348	16,362	14,752	13,711	13,280	14,714	12,070	9,517
Lincoln	17,333	15,446	13,600	11,692	14,353	11,299	10,148	6,796
Gillett Grove	15,726	14,402	11,646	11,086	14,181	13,651	11,935	7,876
Logan	1,550	1,640	1,395	1,134	.....	.....	.....	.....
Freeman	38,952	35 908	35,288	35,001	.....	.....	..	.....
Lake	10,049	8,801	8,041	8,430	..	.....	.....	.....
Meadow	17,060	15,105	14,622	12,797	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spencer	34,190	32,416	34,554	33,452	43,380	39,016	34,696	24,363
Riverton	43,136	43,516	42,563	38,325	35,242	82,509	36,247	26,943
Ind. Dist. of Spencer	81,994	83,861	84,979	80,264	75,592	75,111	70,358	45,705
Lone Tree	32,229	29,374	27,651	24,527	24,190	26,521	29,536	23,130
Waterford	3,583	2,422	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summit	17,777	26,881	27,012	26,853	12,021	12,027	10,519	9,011
Bridgewater	.....	.....	.....	.....	37,703	28,729	36,353	29,282

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE.

Townships.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.
Herdland	$171,737	$172,089	$ 94,480	$122,148	$ 78,598	$ 66,945	$ 42,406	$41,731
Douglas	107,610	108,398	124,264	95,376	64,754	52,292	84,621	82,985
Ind. Dist. of Peterson	25,863	24,964	25,154	29,195	9,952	.....	.....	.....
Peterson	111,340	111,218	90,762	99 481	57,892	57,974	65,114	63,978
Clay	104,991	105,861	87,468	87,300	65,005	63,270	53,348	54,152
Lincoln	102,051	102,067	88,223	88,518	94,839	93,986	83,343	84,892
Gillett Grove	97,348	97,358	91,075	90,717	70,202	69,744	63,466	63,859
Logan	116,071	118,471	79,127	77,413	.....	.....	.....	.....
Freeman	95,151	94,254	87,649	89,507	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake	82,980	83,416	62,000	61,175	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meadow	99,604	100,243	80,485	80,355	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spencer	134,011	134,241	166,806	167,012	228,863	229,883	132,980	127,254
Riverton	88,892	89,049	102,848	102,979	90,069	90,800	56,208	52,948
Ind. Dist of Spencer	212,787	111,655	150,942	150,921	96,359	95,501	37,188	40,210
Lone Tree	100,358	97,344	69,721	69,571	71,965	70,948	69,564	47,271
Waterford	102,567	104,736	.....	.....	37,703	.....	.....	.....
Summit	99,671	102,903	93,269	94,455	72,624	73,353	55,609	53,877
Bridgewater	.....	.....	.....	.....	168,946	162,158	128,288	120,376

GRAIN AND FRUIT.

The soil and climate are well adapted to the production of wheat, oats, rye, barley, corn, flax, buckwheat, potatoes and other vegetables. In an early day, and in fact for a number of years, wheat was the principal crop, but of later years it has not produced so well. Farmers have, therefore, turned their attention to other cereals. Flax has yielded well and being easily cared for and a crop that can be realized on in a short time, besides always commanding a good price and such an excellent thing for new land, that acres upon acres have been seeded the past ten years. It is never a drug on the market and brings a handsome sum. It has been demonstrated that tame grass does well, especially timothy, and there are a large number of acres seeded down with it. There are a number of orchards in the county which have been yielding for a number of years and others planted later which give promise of future success. A great deal of attention is being paid to fruit culture. There are several farms on which a large amount of ground is taken up with small fruit such as blackber-

ries, raspberries, strawberries, currants, and they are growing luxuriantly and producing excellent varieties. Very few sections are devoting more attention to horticulture than the farmers of Clay county. There is a healthy rivalry existing, each determined to raise the very best. The dry pure air of the climate gives to trees and plants a healthy growth and the fruits and vegetables are solid and delicately flavored. The productiveness of Clay county is noteworthy, notwithstanding the fact that there have been many detractors. The average yield of corn is from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre; average yield of wheat 10 to 15; average yield of flax 12 to 20 bushels. This is with fair cultivation, seasonably sown and properly cared for. No fancy farming but just plain and careful attention.

STOCK.

Perhaps few if any counties in northwestern Iowa excels Clay in character and class of stock raised. Some counties may have a larger number of head, but none better bred or a greater number of them. It has been the aim and object of a number of breeders to purchase the very best blooded stock that could be had, and if Clay surpasses her sister counties in this respect it is because she has men who are willing to invest in this kind of animals. A well bred animal always commands a greater value than a poorly bred one. Farmers appreciate this fact and are raising the grade of their stock. Stock raising is yearly increasing as it succeeds well. The county being unsurpassed for pasturage and hay, stock can be kept with very little expense and grow sleek and fat on the nutritious grasses. The wild grass known as the blue-joint is sweet and the best of food for stock. With an abundance of grass, hay and corn it is not marvellous that stock growing is a prolific source of revenue.

There are a number of fine herds of cattle of the Short-Horn, Jersey and Holstein breeds and a large number of grades of these various classes. In the horse line there is everything from a Shetland pony to the large and powerful Norman. Hogs and sheep are also of the very best breeding. There has been a large growth in the numbers of head of stock during the past ten years, particularly in cattle. The subjoined table shows the number of head of cattle, horses, mules, sheep and hogs as returned by the Assessors to the County Auditor during the past eleven years:

	No. Head Cattle.	*No. Head Horses.*	*No. Head Mules.*	*No Head Sheep.*	*No. Head Hogs.*
1879	5,384	1,707	98	1,055	4,103
1880	8,036	1,953	113	2,216	6,233
1881	9,892	2,996	100	5,988	6,926
1882	9,537	2,709	117	3,749	3,707
1883	9,971	3 383	135	3,548	3,739
1884	9,492	3,476	215	883	5,198
1885	10,685	3,806	180	2,862	9,069
1886	11,812	4.543	173	2,305	9.005
1887	15,794	4,702	212	1,781	7,036
1888	15,287	5,120	198	1,694	7,894
1889	22,125	6,415	214	1,171	7,674

MORALS OF THE COUNTY.

The moral and upright class of people that Clay county is inhabited by is well attested by the fact that the records show that there have been but few bad



and dishonest characters Up to 1885 there were none of any consequence. There was of course the usual amount of technical violation of the law, but no particular overt acts committed. During that year A. B. Van Dee, an excitable man, and D. C. Palmer had a difficulty over a piece of land. They met one day, when, without a moment's warning or a word passing between them, Van Dee took from his wagon a shot gun and fired upon Palmer. The wounds inflicted necessitated the amputation of a limb. Van Dee surrendered himself to the Sheriff, and, pending his trial, was adjuged insane and sent to an asylum, where he is at the present time. Beyond this there have been no criminal actions worth mentioning. Litigations have been infrequent and criminal cases few, demonstrating that Clay county's citizens are peaceable, quiet and respectors of the law and have the fear of God, man and the powers that be before them.

EDUCATIONAL.

In no one interest in the county has there been such marked and gratifying changes as in the schools and general educational development. At first and for many years only the primary branches were taught in the schools, but now there is not a school in the county but what teaches many of the higher branches. All over Clay county are found neat and comfortable school houses, while the teachers employed to teach the young are not only proficient but are competent to instruct in any of the branches necessary for the ordinary pursuits of life. The old school houses have given place to new and neat ones and the old teachers have given place to the new, who possess better and more advanced ideas in the educational line. There is no institution dearer to the people than the public school system, where every one, whether rich or poor, can receive instruction in the ordinary branches. These schools are the people's colleges and are where many of our brightest and most successful business men received their early training. Although a comparatively new county, Clay presents a most admirable exhibit.

The present County Superintendent of Schools is John Dolvin, who is eminently fit for the position, possessing not only great experience but high culture and great energy. Mr. Dolvin has manifested great interest in the schools and his standing is high among educators for thoroughness and effectiveness. This statement in regard to Mr. Dolvin is in no sense derogatory to his predecessors, who, without an exception, made excellent records and performed their duty with fidelity to the cause of education. They were men possessing broad and liberal ideas and were instrumental in making the schools of Clay county what they are to-day—the best in the west. The work accomplished by Chase, Gillespie, Gilchrist and Mann is most kindly remembered by many. In them the foundations of usefulness were laid that have enabled many of their scholars to go forth well fitted to battle in the world's conflicts and to obtain honorable positions for themselves.

There are two independent and fifteen district townships in the county. The latter are sub-divided into ninety districts, making the total number of school districts in reality ninety-two. According to the report of the County School Superintendent there are 38 male and 145 female teachers employed to

instruct the young of the county. The total number of pupils enrolled is about 3,000, while the average attendance is about 2,000. There are 110 school buildings whose total value is ————, including apparatus. There was expended for teachers and incidental expenses for the year 1887 and 1888—school year —$28.920.55. This is a most flattering showing of the condition of the schools of this county. The schools are all in a healthful state of prosperity and progress. A strong effort is being made to establish an academy or college in Spencer. This laudable enterprise upon the part of a number of the citizens of the county should meet with a responsive effort from every one within the boundary lines of Clay. The following communication, written by E. C. Hughes and published in the Clay County News, sets forth this project in a plain and comprehensive manner, and we therefore publish it:

MR. EDITOR:—If your readers can spare the time for a few moments from local and state politics, I desire to call their attention to a subject of vastly greater importance to us all. It is the education of our boys and girls. Spencer now has a population of 2,500 souls; and Clay county a population of more than 12,000. We have selected this as our home, and here most of us will doubtless rear our children and spend our lives. We ought, therefore, thus early take steps to provide for the better education of the young. Our present facilities for imparting a liberal education to our young men and young women, our boys and girls, are wholly insufficient. Nor can most of us afford to send them away to college. We can do better, however. We can establish a good institution of learning in our own midst. The field presented is a broad one, and is amply sufficient to maintain such an institution. As an evidence that our young men and women are eager to acquire an education, and will acquire it by their own endeavor, if placed within their reach, it is only necessary to call attention to the great success which Mrs. Lincoln has met in conducting her normal school. It is said this estimable lady would gladly transfer her work to such an institution, and contribute her efforts to make it a success. I have recently been making some investigation on this subject, and am convinced that an institution of learning well established at this place and rightly equipped with a good President and corps of teachers, could in a few years build up its annual attendance to several hundred pupils. By an united effort such a work can be inaugurated during the coming year without any drain upon our finances which would be seriously felt in our community. By so doing we would afford an opportunity for every young man and woman in this locality to acquire a liberal education. We would place within the reach of all the coming generation the means of acquiring what is better than riches. We would contribute largely to the happiness of our homes and the blessings of our posterity. Why not consider this question carefully, and prepare to take some definite action upon it at once. Northwestern Iowa needs a good institution of learning. Why not have it here?

INSURANCE.

Clay county has but one organized insurance company, and that, although in its infancy, is doing a most excellent business, and is greeted with favor in all parts of the county. We herewith give a somewhat lengthy detailed account of what it is and what it proposes to do in order that the readers may have an idea of its general plan of doing business.

THE FARMERS' FIRE AND LIGHTNING INSURANCE ASSOCIATION was organized December 3d, 1888, and began business February 1st, 1889. It is conducted on the *Mutual* plan, and is more *Economical* than the old line insurance, because there are no salaries or rents to pay. Only small fees are allowed to officers and

agents, and the greatest of care is taken in the risks they insure. A brief comparison of the record of the "stock companies," and the expense entailed, with that of the "mutual companies," will demonstrate very clearly that the latter costs far less. For the year 1888 the average cost to the farmers of Iowa who were members of the "mutual company" was 16 cents on every $100 covered by their policies. During that same time the "stock companies" received from the people of Iowa $4,279,023.34, and returned as payment for losses $1,109,555.77. Another feature of the mutual is that it is *prompt*. The adjustor can be on the ground soon after the fire, and at once ascertain the loss, if any. So far, this company has not had a loss by fire since its organization. The first loss by lightning occurred June 19th, 1889, when five head of steers were killed. They were valued at $90, and within ten hours after the adjustor was notified the loss was paid in full.

Another most satisfactory feature of this company is that it is *secure*. It is secure because every man who becomes a member is personally responsible for the losses, and every policy issued has, for a faithful performance of what it claims it will do, the backing of the real estate and personal property of the aggregation of farmers who belong to the association. Experience has clearly demonstrated that the farmers who belong to the Mutual are prompt and honorable in the payment of their assessment.

There is another commendable and important factor in the composition of this organization, and that is it is *equitable*. Their motto is even-handed justice to all. No quibbling, but promptness in the payment of a just and honest debt. The farmers of Clay county should avail themselves of the easy terms of this company, and insure in it and thus keep their money at home.

The association is ably officered by strong, substantial and wealthy farmers who are noted for probity and judgment. The following list of officers will at once indicate the strength of the organization, and create confidence in its future growth and prosperity: President, A. W. Green; Secretary, E. H. Crandall; Treasurer, Fred Lachner; Directors, J. L. Eckley, J. C. Winset, R. J. Archer, James Goodwin, F. A. Hiser and A. J. Livingston.

When it began business in February it had risks to the amount of $99,700.00, which has increased to $167,641.00. It started with 72 members, and now has over 100.

For insurance apply to the agents of the company or the officers of the association.

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

There is no enterprise of a public character that should receive the support and co-operation of the people more generally than the County Fair. Why it is not done remains an enigma. It is true there are several excuses assigned, such as indifference, local prejudices and lack of harmony, but in reality these are but incentives to make the annual fair a success. A good fair is a correct index of a county's prosperity and healthful financial condition.

The Clay County Agricultural Society was organized in 1879. Although its prime movers met with many discouraging elements and reverses, yet through

the indomitable energy and perseverance displayed by a few they succeeded in inducing the people to take hold of it and saw their efforts crowned with success, and believe that it has done great good in advancing the cause of farming, and creating a praiseworthy rivalry among the breeders of good stock. Exhibitions have been held annually since its organization, with the exceptions of one or two years, which were prevented by excessive rains. The Association is the possessor of thirty acres of inclosed, handsome grounds, which are supplied with stalls, judge's stand, pens, floral hall, and amphitheater and a fine one-half mile track. As the county has grown older, there has been more or less interest manifested in the annual exhibits but in its infancy it required great effort to get the people to take hold of it and make them successful. The first officers were, viz: T. P. Bender, president; W. C. Gilbreath, secy.; M. E. Griffin, treasurer; Dr. Chas. McAllister, J. B. Edmunds, A. T. McCargar, James Goodwin, directors. T. P. Bender held the office of president until Jan. 1st, 1886, and W. C. Gilbreath the office until April, 1887, when he resigned. The following gentlemen in addition to T. P. Bender have held the presidency of the association: James O. West and J. W. Stebbings. The present officers are: W. H. Webb, president; I. F. Constant, secretary; F. M. Tuttle, treasurer; J. Q. Adams, J. E. Francis, J. G. West, W. L. Bender and F. T. Verharen directors. The association is but slightly in debt and with careful management will in a short time free itself from it.

W. H. WEBB'S HORSES.

There are many fine and well bred horses in this county and there are a number of men who have spent a great amount of money in not only securing the best horses but have urged upon farmers and stock raisers the necessity and profitableness of raising the standard of breeding. Their argument has been that a well bred horse commands a better price than a poorly bred one. A heavy, well formed horse is far better for farm work than a light and poorly bred one. The Percherons, Clydesdales and Normans are classes of horses which have for endurance, weight and draft purposes no equals. They belong to a breed that every farmer should have and they command a price which makes it profitable to farmers to raise them. W. H. Webb has given greater personal attention to this class of stock raising than any one man in the county, and after the expenditure of a great amount of money, and devoting a great deal of attention, has been able to secure the best stable of horses in the Northwest. He saw the necessity for improvement in the weight and quality of horses of the county and purchased with a view to that end. His stud stable is, without a doubt, the best in the Northwest, for it is composed of sturdy, strong and finely bred stallions which have few equals and no superiors. Any one who is a judge of horse flesh or has given any attention to breeding cannot but be greatly pleased with his splendid selection. A visit to Mr. Webb's stable is well worth one's time and he will be amply repaid for an hour spent in looking over this excellent collection of horses. There is young Brilliant, a beautiful black, an exceedingly well formed colt, possessing fine quality of bone and a handsome form. He is stylish and showy, has fine action and is destined to prove a profitable horse. His grandsire was Brilliant, 1271, (755), one of the most popular draft horses of

his day. He won the grand champion prize at the World's Fair at New Orleans for being the best bred draft stallion of any breed. Undoubtedly young Brilliant is his grandsire's equal. Then there is Vauclair, a sturdy, steel colored gray, standing 16¼ hands high, weighing 1,860 pounds and only five years old. He has fine action and style, clean bone and feet and is a splendid specimen of the Percheron class, and for beauty of movement and general contour he is perfect. His pedigree shows that his ancestors were a splendid breed of horses, 7122 (9274). Then he also has that beautiful black horse, Meple Sampson, who always attracts the attention and is duly appreciated by experienced breeders and admirers of fine horse flesh. He is 9 years old, weighing 2,000 pounds and is noted for his extra large bone, fine back and general ruggedness. He is a perfect horse and is regarded as an excellent specimen of the English shire horse. His breeding is fine as will be shown by an examination of the records, 1194, (2624). Kyle of Brute is another fine stallion. He is a dark brown, having a white face and three white feet. He was foaled in 1885, and when three years old was brought from Aberdeen, Scotland, by Thomas McBey, a breeder of fine horses. He stands on short, heavy, flat legs, is full of vigor, well quartered and possesses a splendid coat of hair which is fine and silky. His general form is excellent and the harmony of his proportions and general compactness indicate his splendid and superior breeding. His record and the long and noted class of which he is a fine specimen may be found by examining the books, 403, (549).

SPENCER.

The seat of government of Clay county contains a population of 2,700 and is a most interesting town. There is on every hand clear and distinct evidences of thrift, prosperity, and individual enterprise. Its social and business condition is in a most healthful state, and a harmonious feeling for the future prevails. The topography of the place is excellent and it possesses every advantage for business and manufacturing purposes. Since it was first established it has been inhabited by a class of people who were public spirited, high minded and successful and have made the name of Spencer synonymous with push, pluck and prosperity.

The survey of the original plat of Spencer was made in 1871 by P. M. Moore, county surveyor, for J. H. Hale. In April, 1873, and in October, 1881, Byron Hough made two additions on the northwest, In December, 1875, S. J. Egleston added to the town-site by platting his land on the eastern side of the village. In June, 1879, Lovewell & Hubbard made a third addition, theirs being on the west side. There still being a demand for town lots, L. C. Burgin in 1881 laid off a piece of land into lots, just east of the Egleston addition. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway platted their additions. One in 1880 and two in 1883. Griffin & Adams in November, 1884, platted and made the ninth addition. There are 1,280 acres of land inside the corporate limits of Spencer.

Spencer is but a short distance from the geographical center and is therefore admirably located. The railway facilities are furnished by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Northwestern railroads. A branch line of

the former road furnishes excellent communications to Okoboji and Spirit Lakes, two great pleasure resorts. While in fact the terminus of the Chicago & Northwestern is at Ruthven, a town only twelve miles west, yet it runs during a part of the year through trains to Spencer, thus affording a direct line to Des Moines.

Spencer is most happily and fortunately located. On the south, the Little Sioux river courses its winding way toward the great Mississippi, furnishing excellent drainage and good pure water. One cannnot but be impressed with the grand appearance of the town, and the many natural advantages it in an eminent degree possesses. Its central location in the county makes it the leading trading point for a large territory unsurpassed in fertility, and when the country's agricultural resources are developed it cannot fail to make Spencer a point of even greater importance. With good railroad facilities, excellent water power, surrounded by a prosperous, wide-wake class of farmers, what is to prevent it becoming one among the most important cities of the Northwest? It has never gone through the booming process, althongh its growth during the past decade has been fairly marvelous—it has been through the result of private enterprise rather than in consequence of a combined and systematic effort to herald its advantages. From a hamlet of nineteen years ago, possessing a few farm and log houses, it is now a thriving town in which a majority of the heads of families own their own homes. There are no fictitious values placed upon real estate. The people are contented to live and let live. They are industrious, frugal, happy and contented in the belief that the possession of property in Spencer is valuable and is destined to become of greater value.

Scarcely had the people of Spencer got fairly settled on the new town site than they began to agitate the question of a railroad. They saw the natural advantages of the town and county and as they looked into the future they pictured a bright and prosperous city, surrounded by waving fields of grain, immense herds of cattle and live stock, a county populated by a teeming, industrious class of people. They saw all this and of course thought others could see it as well. They talked and sent their representatives abroad to present and impress their ideas upon those in authority. But oft-times their agents returned with any thing but encouraging words and so often was this repeated that there seemed but little hope of realizing their great desire. But in a few short months the chances of success would again fill their minds and another attempt would be made. It was true that at times they grew greatly discouraged and many were upon the point of leaving and would have done so had they not been persuaded by the more hopeful and determined ones. And well might they be discouraged. The nearest railroad point was forty miles away, and over these long miles of road the merchandise must be transported by teams. The trip could not be made in less than three days and the cost of transportation was very expensive, and the merchant must therefore add this to the cost of his goods, which of necessity, made the price of all classes of merchandise much dearer than they would have otherwise been. The farmers therefore had in a measure to pay this extra expense and it is not to be wondered that they were anxious to see the day when Spencer should have a railroad. There were tireless workers not alone in Clay but in adjoining counties and the day came when their labors were at last crowned with success and the great Milwaukee road,

with its far spreading branches, came to Spencer. It was a day of rejoicing and the hearts of those who had waited and watched so long were filled with rejoicing. The arrival of the railroad marked an important epoch in the history of Clay county. Slowly but gradually Spencer and the county put on a new appearance. It was like the budding of winter into spring. Houses sprung up on every hand; new arrivals came on every train; trade was given a fresh impetus; farmers were made happy by receiving better prices for their stock and produce. The change was marked and great. The prospects for Spencer grew brighter than ever before in its history. The many struggles, trials and untiring efforts had at last brought forth their legitimate fruit and from this time forward unparalleled prosperity has attended it.

The moral, religious and social standing of Spencer is most excellent and it points with pride to the class of citizens that make up the town. To this in a measure it owes its permanent growth and prosperity.

Nearly every religious denomination is represented by an organization. Its public schools are all that could be asked for, and its social conditions are among the best and most elevated in their tones. In addition to its social clubs, literary, benevolent and other societies, there are a Masonic chapter and Lodge; an excampment and subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; two orders of the United Workmen; a lodge of Knights of Pythias and Uniform Rank; the Woodmen; a Grand Army Post; Young Men's Christian Association and others of similar character.

INCORPORATION.

Although Spencer was platted in 1871, it was not until the year 1880 that it was incorporated. In 1880 a petition was presented to Judge Duffie, then district judge, for authority to call an election to vote upon the question for or against incorporation. The petition was granted and the judge appointed Theo. Secor, J. B. Edmunds, W. C. Gilbreath, A. C. Parker and J. Merritt, commissioners with authority to call an election, name the day and act as judges. The election day arrived and there was a very close and heated contest, but the "fors" won by a fair majority. Subsequently an election was called for the 26th day of March, 1880, to select a mayor and five trustees. There was much friendly rivalry displayed at this election. Whether it was the novelty of the office or a desire to be one of the first officers of Spencer remains to-day a mystery. The election resulted as follows: Mayor, W. C. Gibreath; Recorder, J. F. Ford, who resigned and C. S. Penfield was chosen to fill vacancy; Trustees, M. P. W. Albee, T. P. Bender, M. E. Griffin, J. Rood, E. E. Snow and C. M. Squire. John Annett was selected as marshal. This board immediately drafted and passed a number of ordinances. But it was far from being an easy task to enforce them as the people of the town were unaccustomed to such restraints as these ordinances imposed, and there was frequently a clash between the citizens and the town officials. In time they grew to respect the laws of the town, and to-day it would be difficult to find a place where the laws are more rigidly enforced, observed and upheld by the people than Spencer. They have respect for them and believe that their strict enforcement will result advantageously and contribute to good order and citizenship. Subsequent boards have in many instances made a number of material changes to some of the

original ordinances and have added a large number as time and necessity required. It has been the policy of all the councils to pursue a careful and economical course, and the people have demonstrated their wisdom in the selection of their council. It is not the intention to review the work done by the respective councils. It would be useless. It is only necessary to point to its streets, sidewalks, city hall and water works. These are monuments to the good work accomplished by the trustees of Spencer. The following named gentlemen have held the office of mayor since the date of its incorporation:

W. C. Gibreath.....1880–1
J. B. Edmunds.....1881–2
E. E. Snow.....1882–3
M. P. W. Albee.....1883–4
John Thayer.....1884–5
L. Whitney.....1885–6
S. Gillespie.....1886–7
C. S. Penfield.....1887–8
S. S. Snow.....1888–9
J. Q. Adams.....1889

The followiug named gentlemen represent the city government for the year 1889:

Mayor, J. Q. Adams; Trustees, A. W Miller, Walter Smith, E. Boyer, S. S. Biksen, H. W. Broadgate and H. Chamberlain; Recorder, Frank Richardson; Marshal, John B. Lewis.

THE CITY HALL.

The town hall building was built in 1883. Previous to this the town was without a public building. The council had from time to time leased different rooms, but none of sufficient size to accommodate any public gathering. It was therefore decided to construct a building of sufficient dimensions to meet these wants. After due deliberation it was agreed to bond the town for $3,000 and put up the building, which was done, and the town now has a neat two-story building 20x50 feet. The lower floor is used for the hook and ladder outfit and the hose cart, while the second story is divided into two rooms, one being used for a council room and the other for public purposes. The lot on which the building stands was a donation from the late Alexander Mitchell, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company to the town. The facts in regard to this gift are these: In the spring of 1882, a number of young men being fired with a military spirit decided to organize a militia company. A meeting was called which was largely attended. A paper was drawn up which set forth the object of the organization, and after being circulated among those gathered and others, some fifty signed their names and signified their willingness to unite. As soon as the proper officers were elected semi-weekly drills were held in the building now occupied by Ackley Hubbard. In a short time Mr. Hubbard gave the company notice that he intended to occupy the building and it must seek other quarters. There being no building of sufficient size it was decided to build one. A subscription paper was handed around and nearly one thousand dollars was at once subscribed. The project

had all the evidences of success and the matter was referred to a committee to select a site and report at the next meeting. Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Jr., at that time a resident of the county, a member of the company and a member of the committee, volunteered to go to Milwaukee and interview his uncle Alexander Mitchell, and endeavor to induce him to donate a lot. That he succeeded is unquestionably true. In the meantime the members and officers of the company had lost their interest and military zeal and the matter like many other projects fell through. The "next meeting" was never called; that committee on a site has never reported, but the town has the lot just the same.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

The business men and houses of Spencer may be classified as follows:

Agricultural Implements	4
Abstracts	4
Attorneys	8
Boarding Houses	2
Boots and Shoes	4
Brick Yards	2
Bakery	1
Banks	3
Book Stores	2
Blacksmiths	6
Butter and Egg Dealers	2
Billiard Hall	1
Barber Shops	3
Clothing	2
Coal Dealers	3
Carpenters	10
Creamery	1
Cigar Factory	1
Doctors	5
Dentists	2
Drug Stores	3
Dry Goods	2
Dress Makers	4
Elevators	2
Furniture	2
Fruit and Confectionery	6
Feed Stables	2
General Stores	4
Groceries	7
Hardware	3
Hotels	4
Harness Shops	2
Hay Dealers	2
Insurance	15
Jewelry	3

Loan and Abstract	4
Livery Stables	2
Laundries	3
Lumber	4
Newspapers	2
News Depots	2
Mills	2
Millinery	3
Manufacturers Hay Press	1
Meat Markets	3
Music Teachers	3
Manufacturer Fence	1
Photographers	2
Painters	3
Pop Factory	1
Sewing Machines	3
Restaurants	1
Tailors	1
Tub Factory	1
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Wagon Makers	3
Total	173

This summary shows that there are fifty-six different business houses and professions and that there are one hundred and seventy-three different houses and offices of business. These, including the proprietors, give employment to three hundred and fifty persons.

SPENCER SCHOOLS.

Rapid and substantial as we have seen the growth and development of Spencer to have been in population and commercial importance, educational progress has kept pace with the material advancement, if not surpassing it, and to-day Spencer, if not the acknowledged educational center of the northwest, is making rapid strides towards attaining that proud distinction. Fortunately for its schools the directors have been men of liberal ideas, themselves in many instances having had the advantages of eastern colleges. They have aimed to render every assistance and promote every movement tending to build up the schools and provide them with every modern improvement calculated to facilitate the acquisition of a common school education. This is not all: even now a movement is in progress to establish a college within the corporate limits of Spencer. In all these efforts the citizens have never been dilatory, but ever prompt and ready to co-oporate with them in the performance of their duties, thereby inspiring them with enthusiasm.

The first school house built in Spencer was in the year 1869 and the first teacher was C. Carver. The school district at that time and until 1874 comprised all of Spencer township. During this year the town having a sufficient population became an independent district. The first officers were Marshall Hines, President; H. B. Wood, Secretary, and Horace Smith. The board

after their organization immediately advertised for bids for the construction of a one story building 18x32 with a hall between. Upon its completion and ready for occupancy George Mann was selected as principal and Miss Augusta Smith as assistant. This building was used until the fall of 1879 when a new building was erected at a cost of about $6,500, including furniture. The building is two story, size 48x58 feet. It has four large rooms, besides a recitation room, cloak room and two large hall ways. It has also a large basement. The building is heated by a furnace. This school house is located on the west side.

In 1882, finding that the first building was inadequate to accommodate the pupils, it was decided to build another of similar dimensions on the east side of town. The contract was let and the work pushed to completion. The board of directors divided the town into two wards, with one principal. During the year 1887 a third school was built north of the railroad track. The schools are all graded as primary, secondary, intermediate and grammar, culminating in the High School.

The following have held the office of President: M. Heins, 1874 to 1877; Ackley Hubbard, 1877 to 1880; M. Tuttle, 1880 to 1881; A. P. Bender, 1881 to 1882; A. W. Miller, 1882 to 1883; W. C. Gilbreath, 1883 to 1885; E. C. Hughes, 1885 to 1886; M. P. W. Albee, 1886 to 1887; H. N. Smith, 1887 to 1888; J. Q. Adams, 1888 to 1889; A. C. Perine, 1889.

Secretaries:—H. B. Wood, 1874 to 1879; A. T. McCargar, 1879 to 1880; W. C. Gilbreath, 1880 to 1882; E. T. Taubman, 1882 to 1883; E. C. Hughes, 1883 to 1885; W. C. Gilbreath, 1885 to April 1887; S. S. Snow, April, 1887.

Treasurers:—J. H. Hale, 1874 to 187-; J. Merritt, 187- to 1880; J. B. Edmunds, 1880 to 1886; C. S. Penfield, 1886 to 1887; W. L. Gander, 1887—present incumbent.

LODGES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

These organizations in this county are in a most prosperous condition and have not only a large membership but a goodly attendance at each of their regular stated meetings. Good fellowship and a fraternal feeling prevails among the members. Each lodge is well officered and equipped and have their rooms well furnished. Visiting members will always receive a warm welcome when they visit any of these lodges in Clay county. The following is a list of the lodges, together with a complete roster of the first officers and the present ones.

Evening Shade Lodge, No. 312.—A. Fand, A. M. Was organized January 24th, 1872. The charter was granted June 8th, 1872. The charter members included S. Lacove, S. F. McDonald, A. Wright, J. W. Crist, S. B. Crist, E. J. Marvine, H. H. Wilber and Wm. Harvey, none of whom reside in Spencer. The first officers under the dispensation granted were Wm. Harvey, W. M.; E. J. Marvine, S. W.; A. H. Wilber, J. W.; J. H. Hale, treasurer; S. B. Crist, secretary; J. W. Crist, S. D.; J. P. Ford, J. D.; J. H. Fend, tyler. The following are the present officers: I. F. Constant, W. M.; J. S. McElhiney, S W.; H. S. Brown, J. W.; A. F. McConnell, S. D.; D. Cleaver, J. D.; R. L. Koch, secretary; H. N. Smith, treasurer; H. H. A. Hastings and John M. Holmes, stewards; E. Boyer, tyler. The membership of this lodge now num-

bers about 100 and is gradually growing. Its hall, which it occupies with the Odd Fellows, is handsomely furnished and everything is done to make the gatherings pleasant and agreeable to the members. The monthly meetings are held on Monday evening on or before the full moon.

Spencer Lodge, No. 247, I. O. O. F.—Was instituted October 17th, 1872, and has sustained a prosperous growth since its first organization. Its members have proven themselves faithful and fervent to their views and have helped their needy, cared for their sick and attended their dead with such fidelity and sincerity that it has grown and developed into a lodge of prominence and power. Their good works will live and be remembered after the present members have passed to "that bourne from whence no traveller returneth." The good deeds of this lodge and its individual members will not be soon forgotten. Its charter members were H. Smith, A. B. Kline, J. F. Ford, A. G. Hardin and W. I. Rood. Its first officers were A. S. Kline, N. G.; H. Smith, V. G.; W. I Rood, R. S.

The present officers are: J. P. Evans, N. G.; W. R. Fisher, V. G.; L. K. Phillips, Rec. Secy.; W. P. Bowman, Permanent Secretary; O. E. Sully, Treasurer; A. F. McConnell, Conductor; W. I. Rood, Warden, E. Boyer; R. S. N. G.; H. Chamberlain, S. S. N. G.; Wm. Yates, O. G.; Scott Case, Guardian. The supporters to the V. G. are W. S. Collins and Charles Trapp.

The lodge has all the necessary paraphernalia and lodge furniture to make its meetings pleasant and entertaining. The right hand of warm fellowship is always extended to those who visit this noble order of men. The present membership is quite large. The regular meetings are held Tuesday evening of each week in their rooms over the First National Bank.

A. O. U. W., No. 201.—Came into existence in 1879 and was organized with a large membership. Its object is to combine mutual as well as individual benefits. The great and permanent good it has done is attested by thousands of widows and orphans, who, by this noble and beneficent organization, were kept from want and privation. Its first officers were: W. C. Gilbreath, P. M. W.; A. T. McCargar, M. W.; M. P. W. Albee, Foreman; C. P. Buckey, Recorder; I. F. Constant, Financier; W. L. Bender, Receiver; J. P. Evans, Guide; E. Pickering, G. W.; J. M. Hagerty, I. W.; T. P. Bender, M. E. Griffin and M. S. Green, Trustees. The present officers are: P. E. Randall, P. M. W.; G. G. Perkins, M. W., J. E. Fisher, Foreman; Overseer, M. E. Griffin; Guide, Henry Hanson; Recorder, J. P. Evans; Receiver and Financier, L. P. Mather. Their regular meetings are twice a month.

Spencer Lodge, No. 282, A. O. U. W.—Known among the workmen as belonging to and being under the jurisdiction of the "Loyal Grand Lodge," was organized in 1887. Like its namesake or "Dissenters" it has for its purpose a noble object. Its first officers were: Ackley Hubbard, P. M. W.; B. F. Horner, M. W.; W. S. Bemis, Foreman; T. C. Meyer, Overseer; Guide, Frank Gifford; Recorder, J. Boehm; Financier, C. E. Taylor; Receiver, J. M. Holmes; I. G., David Metts. Its present officers consist of the following named persons: W. S. Bemis, P. M. W.; Douglas Cleaver, M. W.; A. K. Frain, Foreman; Overseer, D. H. Mitts; Guide, Walter Davidson; Recorder, Ed. Carlsen; Financier, Frank Richards; Receiver, J. M. Holmes. Although but recently organized it

has an excellent membership and is in a prosperous condition. Its members display a lively interest in its welfare.

Harmony Lodge, No. 188, K. of P.:—This organization dates its existence from February 16th, 1888, and from the very first start has rapidly grown and increased in members. It is a worthy organization and deserves the prosperity that has attended it. Its first official list was constituted as follows: P. C., H. Kunath; C. C., John Andrews; V. C., Wm. Clopper; Prelate, P. W. Madden; K. of R. and S., L. M. Cummock; M. at A., J. B. Stamp; M. of E., M. H. Wearer; M. of F., G. B. Bender; I. G.. Dr. Chas. McAllister; O. G., John Watts. The officers at present are: P. C., George Purdy; C. C., L. M. Cummock; V. C., G. B. Bender; Prelate, H. W. Broadgate; K. of R. and S., H. H. Pember; M. at A., Milo Brown; M. of E., M. H. Wearer; M. of F., H. Kunath. The representative to the Grand Lodge is H. Kunath; District Deputy Grand Chancellor, John Andrews.

Annett Post, G. A. R., No. 124:—Was duly organized and officers installed February 10th, 1883. They were: Commander, Cyrus McKay; S. V. C., E. Boyer; J. V. C., B. P. Hough; Adjt., J. N. Andrew; Sergt. Major, G. H. Deggins; Chaplain, I. L. Foster; Q. M., A. T. McConnell; Officer of the Day, W. B. Davidson; Guard, J. P. Evans. It is now officered with P. W. Madden, Commander; C. W. Hoxie, S. V. C.; Scott Case, J. V. C.; T. O. Phelps, Adjt.; Thos. McQueen, Q. M.; J. P. Evans, Officer of the Day; E. Ward, Guard; W. T. Fizell, Sergt. Major; A. H. Cheney, Q. M. S.; Geo. Andrews, Chaplain.

The following named members have held the office in addition to the present incumbent: Cyrus McKay, E. Boyer, J. P. Evans, A. F. McConnell and W. T. Fizell. The regular meetings are every first and third Saturday evenings of each month. Their headquarters are over McQueen & Andrews' farm implement establishment. The membership now numbers 56.

Sons of Veterans:—Randall Camp, Sons of Veterans, was organized in January, 1888, and although young it has quite a good membership and a lively interest exists. The first officers were: Captain, C. J. Madden; First Lieutenant, J. E. Gillispie; Second Lieutenant, J. F. Hirleman. The boys are fairly well drilled. The present officers are: Captain, J. F. Hirleman; First Lieutenant, J. E. Gillispie; Second Lieutenant, R. E. Logan.

The Spencer Building and Loan Association—Is one among the most beneficial organizations in the place, pecuniarly speaking. It has been the means of assisting many persons to obtain homes who would otherwise have been deterred from so doing. Like other institutions of a similar character, the funds are raised on the assessment plan and the profits are shared mutually. According to its report of March 31st, 1889, it had received $4,161.07 and disbursed $3,350.13. Its officers are Ackley Hubbard, President; W. S. Bemis, Secretary; Directors, Ackley Hubbard, J. Q. Adams, H. N. Smith, Thos. McQueen, W. L. Bender, S. S. Snow, W. S. Bemis, Franklin Floete. It was organized in March, 1888.

SPENCER'S BUSINESS INTERESTS.

It can be said that Spencer possesses nearly all retail branches of trade. While its manufactories are scarce and few, it makes up for this in its diversified branches of business and to these varied branches of business pursuits Spencer is largely indebted for its present prominence and prosperity. The following is a partial list which is given for the information of the reader:

ABSTRACTORS.

There are several firms who make a specialty of this class of work.

ATTORNEYS.

Spencer certainly has an able bar; strong, intelligent, able and honorable men are their characteristics.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There are seven firms who handle these goods. The leading firms are, Biksen & Co., J. M. Watson, and Cruver & Goodell. They keep in stock standard goods and sell them as reasonable as they can be bought in any market. If you want good goods, they have them.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY.

There are four firms who deal exclusively in this class of business. Among them are Smith & Taylor and C. M. Squire. Their lines are large and they sell the very best wagons, buggies, plows, mowers, reapers, and all the necessary repairs that are made. They do not handle cheap makes or inferior goods, but good, solid, substantial machinery. Their prices are low and their profits small. They are reliable and safe men to deal with. Try them and be convinced that the statement here made is true.

BARBER SHOPS.

Spencer is fortunate in having two first-class barber shops. The men are skillful and the shops neat and cosy.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS.

In this industry the place is well supplied, there being six. Among the leading and best workmen are Walter Davidson and H. F. Paulson.

CARPENTERS.

There are ten or more A No. 1 carpenters. N. W. Cunningham and H. J. Taber are the leaders.

CLOTHIERS.

If naked you should be clothed. Spencer has several stores where clothing can be purchased, but the leaders are Geo. W. Miller and Flind & Strauss.

COAL DEALERS.

In this line there are several places to buy.

DENTISTS.

Drs. Crawford and Peck will supply any deficiency in your teeth.

DRY GOODS.

In this line there are quite a number, but G. W. Miller, O. E. Sully and Cruver & Goodell take the preference. Their stores are well stocked with handsome and desirable goods, and their prices so reasonable that they take front rank in this line of trade.

DRUG STORES.

The two leading establishments and where drugs are carefully and skillfully compounded are, H. H. Pember's and Cotterell & Wilcox. They both carry a fine assortment of drugs, stationery, books, pens, pencils, wall paper, paints and oils, and in fact everything found in a first-class, well regulated drug store. These stores are tastily arranged and the proprietors pleasant men to transact business with.

ELEVATORS.

Spencer is well provided with elevators, having two that are of large dimensions and supplied with good machinery to operate them with. The elevator operated by Bender Bros. & Co., the firm consisting of T. P. and W. L. Bender and A. A. Flint, was constructed in the fall of 1880, and no expense was spared to make it substantial, convenient and as near perfect as possible. Its capacity is 15,000 bushels. It is 28x40, 55 feet high. In addition to this there are several large granaries and sheds, also a large office attached. This firm handles immense quantities of grain and coal, and are the largest stock buyers and shippers in Spencer. Their facilities for handling these commodities and their uniform liberality to their patrons have brought them a large and lucrative business.

The other elevator is owned by J. P. Evans, and although somewhat smaller in dimensions, is well arranged and well provided with all the necessary machinery.

FURNITURE.

Ackley Hubbard has a most complete line of everything wanted in this line.

GENERAL STORE.

Almost in every place there are general stores and Spencer is not an exception, but there are few that carry as large an assortment as Cruver & Goodell. Their whole object and aim is to supply the trade with every article that is needed for family use and comfort. Their trade is large and they merit it by their extremely low prices and good goods.

GROCERIES.

The grocery trade has proven to be a profitable business in Spencer because it has had men who have thoroughly and carefully studied the wants of the people. There can be no spasmodic bursts or booms in the grocery trade, because its business is steady and permanent. The supply must meet the demand and that is all. The dealers in this class of merchandise in Spencer are men capable and competent and thorough masters of their business. They have spent years of study in this branch of trade and know the wants of the public. That John Copper, J. M. Watson, C. E. Blondel and S. A. Hewling's stock of groceries are complete and equal to the demands of their respective customers no one will question. That they supply goods at the most reasonable rates goes without saying. In fact their whole aim and object is to please and provide their customers with satisfactory goods at low prices. These gentlemen are old residents of Clay county, and have grown up with the people and know their wants, and purchase with a view to meeting them.

HARDWARE.

There are three houses in Spencer that carry this line of goods.

Leach & Morrison, the oldest established firm, dates its existence back into the seventies, and is one of the most prosperous houses in the west. The firm occupy a large building extending over a hundred feet back, besides a large warehouse. Their stock is large and always complete, consisting of pocket cutlery, granite ware, hard and soft coal, parlor ranges, cooking stoves and shelf ware of every description. Their motto is "quick sales and small profits." They are prepared to fill all orders as their facilities for promptly supplying their trade is unequalled. They make it a point to keep their stock always complete that they may be ready to meet any demand. They are a reliable firm and well merit their large trade.

J. W. Stebbings & Co., is another prominent hardware firm, and although the youngest in years they are rapidly coming to the front as an enterprising and progressive house. They are located in the McAllister block and have an excellent store, which is tastefully arranged with stoves of all kinds and descriptions. They deal in all classes of hardware, mechanics tools, fence wire, ammunition, tin ware, and sell way down to hard pan prices. Every visitor to Spencer should call and see their goods.

HARNESS.

There are two excellent harness shops, L. H. Whitney's and J. W. Cain's. Both are good workmen.

HOTELS

Spencer has several, but the two that take the lead are the Earling and Central.

JEWELRY.

R. H. Wilkinson and A. M. Dye are men of good business ability, reliable and trustworthy. They carry a fine line of jewelry and silverware and both are expert jewelers.

MEAT MARKET.

A. Stiegleder has the leading meat market in Spencer. He always keeps a supply of fresh and salted meats.

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

There are two, Frank Medlar and W. J. Rood. Both are experienced photographers.

WAGON MAKERS.

M. H. Weaver and Skinner & Mauer are two most excellent firms to do business with and are worthy of patronage.

BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

The financial status of Spencer is solid and ranks far ahead of most towns of greater populations in the northwest. The town and county are fortunate in having such substantial institutions as the First National, Clay County and Griffin & Adams banks. They do a large and extensive business and are managed by safe and careful business men.

CLAY COUNTY BANK.

This is the oldest bank in the county, having been established in the spring of 1876. It has been so long and prominently identified with the county and has been so liberal in its dealings with its depositors and patrons that it is regarded as one of the solidest institutions in the northwest. It is noted for the helping hand it extended, not alone to the people but to the county, whose credit it was largely instrumental in maintaining at a period when it was necessary that the county's warrants should be received and passed for one hundred cents on the dollar.



The bank was organized in 1876, with J. L. Nicodemus as president and A. W. Miller as cashier. A small frame building was erected on Main street, near the old court house, where they transacted its business until 1882, when they moved in their handsome two story, double brick building on the corner of Main and Fourth streets. Mr. Nicodemus, who was and is a heavy capitalist of Maryland, who had previous to opening the bank made a number of loans in the county, came west and after looking over the country decided to open a bank at Spencer. In company with A. W. Miller, who had been a resident of the county several years, he established the Clay County bank. From a small beginning its growth was steady and substantial until now it is not only the oldest but the strongest financial banking institution in this section of Iowa. Its capital and surplus aggregates $175,000. The loans amount to an immense sum and its exchange business is proportionately large. They buy and sell exchange on all the principal cities in Europe; they give special attention to collections; have a complete set of abstracts of title to all lands in Clay county; represent several standard insurance companies; sell ocean steamer tickets to all points, in fact it is a bank complete and perfect in all its details.

ITS PRESIDENT.

Mr. Nicodemus, the president, is a clear-sighted, honorable business man, possessed of abundance of capital and great confidence in the future for Clay county. He is not only largely interested in the banking business but owns a large number of business buildings in Spencer and several thousand acres of farm lands in the county. He makes annual visits to Spencer and spends several weeks looking over his large possessions.

ITS CASHIER.

H. N. Smith, who succeeded A. W. Miller as cashier of this bank, was born in Boonesboro, Washington county, Maryland, Sept. 2d, 1844. He remained there until 1866,—the greater part of his time being spent in the schools of that city—when he went to Hagerstown, and for two years clerked in a dry goods store. After that he went to Hancock, where for fifteen years he was book-keeper in a large establishment. In 1883 he accepted the position of book-keeper in the Clay County bank and came to Spencer. On January 1st, 1886, he was promoted to the position of cashier. Owing to the absence of the president the management of the bank devolves upon the cashier. Mr. Smith is wholly devoted to his work, well informed, possesses a thorough knowledge of the banking business and in his hands the vast interests of the bank are secure. Mr. Smith has been a member of the school board for nearly six years, was city treasurer one year, is vice-president of the Building & Loan Association and is prominently connected with other public, secret and social organizations. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Brosiers, a fitting help-mate for an enterprising and ambitious man. They have two children, Bessie and Meta.

ASSISTANT CASHIER.

M. C. Remsberg, who holds the responsible position of assistant cashier, was born in Middleton, Md., Sept. 29th, 1859, and made that place his home until his removal to Spencer in June, 1884. His education aside from that of the public schools of Middleton, was received at the Pennsylvania college at Gettysburg. After spending several years at this well known institution of learning, he entered the law office of Hon. M. G. Urner, M. C., where he read law one year. In 1884 he came to Spencer and accepted the position of book-keeper in the bank and held it until 1886, when he was promoted to the present position which he has filled with great acceptabilty to the bank. Mr. Remsberg occupies a high social position and is generally popular, not only in business but social circles. Last September he was married to Miss Scott, a lady of many accomplishments.

GRIFFIN & ADAMS.

This well known and successful firm of bankers and land dealers have been engaged in business since 1880. During this period they have grown and expanded in business until now they occupy a prominent position in banking circles and lead in the real estate business. It is safe to say that there is not a firm in the north part of the state that has handled a greater amount of land during the past ten years than Griffin & Adams. They have been active in this line of their business and have succeeded in disposing of thousands of acres of land. This firm at present owns between eight and ten thousand acres of as fine land as the sun shines upon. Their uniform square and fair manner of dealing with land seekers and purchasers have annually secured for them a great many sales. They have in addition to their large list of uncultivated lands a great many fine farms under excellent state of cultivation, with good farm houses, barns and other out houses. Always courteous and prompt to answer any questions either by mail or upon personal inquiry, and to give any information pertaining to the country, its soil, resources and climate, they have been able to establish a busi-

ness of which they may feel justly proud. They have a complete and correct set of abstract books, represent some of the soundest and best known eastern insurance companies, and do a general banking and collecting business.

Mr. M. E. Griffin, the senior member of the firm, was born in Madison county, New York, Oct. 10th, 1844, and came to Delhi, Iowa, in 1860. He secured a common school and business education, and, with this foundation, he acquired by diligent reading and close observation a practical education that has been of far greater value to him than all the lore of a college training. At the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, he enlisted in the 21st Reg. Iowa Vol. Infty. and served three years faithfully in defense of his country. On re-receiving an honorable discharge he returned to Iowa. In 1869 he came to Clay county, and for the past twenty years has been a prominent citizen. In 1871 he was elected county treasurer and successfully held that position for eight years. Mr. Griffin came to Clay county a total stranger, and by his indomitable pluck and perseverance has won for himself a position in society and business commensurate with his merit as a man. It required nerve and strict attention to business to win, bnt he won, unaided by influence or fortune and surrounded at times by circumstances unfavorable. He had his mark set, and step by step, unfalteringly he climbed the ladder of success. Upon the expiration of his fourth term as county treasurer, he opened a bank and engaged in the banking and real estate business. Mr. Griffin has been connected with a large number of financial projects and has been a liberal contributor to every good cause looking to the upbuilding of the town and county. He is a careful, sagacious and far seeing business man, and a representative western business man. He is the largest land owner in the county, owning over 5,000 acres, 1,800 of which is under cultivation. His farm in Gillett's Grove township, upon which he has devoted considerable time and expended money, is one of the best farms in the county. This year he had nearly a thousand acres in flax.

J. Q. Adams, banker and real estate dealer, was born in South Troy, Vermont, in 1848. When eight years old his parents moved to Ohio. In 1863 he came to Osage, Iowa, and after attending school for awhile, taught several terms of school in Mitchell county. He taught his first term when only seventeen years of age. In 1870 he accepted a position as traveling salesman for a large wholesale firm and continued on the road for eleven years, representing some of the largest wholesale grocery houses in the state. In January, 1881, he formed a partnership with M. E. Griffin, and since that period has been engaged in the banking business. By constancy and close application to business Mr. Adams has been eminently successful and has succeeded in amassing a handsome competency. He possesses excellent executive ability, keen discernment, is methodical in his work and is a man of untiring energy. He forsaw that Spencer and Clay county were destined to grow and that property would ultimately become valuable. He therefore purchased several thousand acres and erected a residence which is one of the handsomest in Spencer. He is far from being a one idead man. He has not confined himself simply to banking alone, but has been quite a large farmer and a breeder of fine stock. He has several horses which are finely bred and have made splendid records on the turf. Mr. Adams not only occupies a high position in financial circles as a careful and

shrewd man of business, but is quite prominent in all local and county affairs. He was elected mayor of Spencer last March; has been a member of the school board for a number of years; a member of the board of directors of the county fair and holds several other minor offices of the town, and is one of those men who is always counted on to aid by personal effort and purse every enterprise of public and beneficial character.

Mr. Adams was married in 1874 to Miss Frances C. Smith. They have one child, Bennie.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Is regarded as one of the leading banking institutions of the Northwest and has become a useful and important factor in promoting and fostering the interests of the community. That it has attained a degree of prominence and the confidence of the public is evidenced by the fact of its immense and increasing business. It began business August 23rd, 1888, and in its sworn report to the Comptroller of the Treasury July 12th, 1889, shows that its deposits have reached to $44,271.79, and its resources aggregate $122,275.90, a most creditable and healthful state of financial prominence and prosperity. Its business is conducted in a thorough and safe manner and its managers and stock holders, of which there are twenty-one, are among the wealthiest and most influential business men in Clay county. Its officers consist of the following well known gentlemen who have for years been residents of Clay and have been identified with the growth and development of Spencer:

President, A. W. Miller; Vice President, T. P. Bender; Cashier, P. E. Randall; Directors: A. C. Perine, David Painter, E. C. Hughes, T. P. Bender and A. W. Miller. Its paid up capital is $60,000, surplus $800, and individual profits $3,704.11.

ITS PRESIDENT,

A. W. Miller, was born on a farm near Kudysville, Washington county, Maryland, in the year 1847. He moved to Rohrersville, and remained there, working in a mill in the summer and attending school in the winter until 1868, when he decided to make an effort to better his fortunes by trying the great west, of whose golden opportunities he had read and heard so much. With a light purse but a strong determination and fixed purpose he set out for the great Iowa. In the summer of 1868 he arrived at Marshalltown and after remaining there a short time he went to Tama county, and taught a country school near Toledo. Upon the completion of his term of school he concluded to try his chances further westward, and, having heard much of Sioux City, then coming into prominence, he started overland to that point. He remained in Sioux City about two months, when he decided to go to Clay county, of whose fertile soil and natural advantages he heard a great deal, and there cast his lot. He arrived in Clay county in 1869, and took up a homestead in Douglas township and at once began to improve it. After working his land for some time he went to Peterson and worked in the flouring mill. Subsequently he came to Spencer and purchased an interest in the Spencer Mill. In 1875 he formed a partnership with J. L. Nicodemus of Maryland and started the Clay County Bank. To him, if not entirely, greatly so, this bank owes its prominence. Mr. Nicodemus

only making annual visits, the management of the bank was left entirely to the care and discretion of Mr. Miller. In the spring of 1886 he disposed of his interest in the bank and engaged in the railroad business, taking and finishing a number of large grading contracts. Returning to Spencer in 1888 he immediately set to work and organized the First National Bank, whose brief history we have given. Mr. Miller has been a public spirited citizen of Spencer and has contributed liberally of his time and means to promote everything of a character tending to benefit the county and the public. He has been prominently identified with the Congregational church from it organization to the present time. He has been connected with the schools of Spencer for many years in the capacity of director and is a liberal encourager of higher education. He is now a member of the City Council. He was married in 1872 to Miss Emma Lamar. They have four children living: Laura, Albert, Jessie and Emma. Eddie, the eldest, died in 1882.

RANDALL, PETER E., Cashier First National Bank, Spencer; born in New York in 1843. Went with his parents to Canada in 1845; in 1850 he returned to the United States and located in Washington county, Wis., and engaged in farming. At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion he enlisted in the 27th Wisconsin V. I. and served for three years and two months, receiving an honorable discharge. At the close of the war he returned to Wisconsin, where he remained until 1870, when, hearing of the rich and fertile fields of Clay county, he removed to Iowa and located in Riverton township, taking a homestead. In 1872 he moved to Spencer, and was shortly afterwards appointed postmaster, which position he held for six years, having resigned to accept the county treasurship, which office he held for eight consecutive years, being nominated four times without opposition and practically elected four times without opposition. In 1886 he purchased the Advocate and subsequently the Clay County News, consolidating the two. Owing to failing health he spent the greater part of 1887 in Montana and Colorado. In 1888 he disposed of his newspaper. When the First National Bank was organized he was elected its cashier. Mr. Randall is part owner of the rink, has been an active member of the School Board, a prominent member and official of the Baptist church. He was married in 1866 to Miss M. J. Van Eps. They have one child, Carrie, who is now Mrs. F. M. Tuttle.

ITS MILLING INTERESTS.

Among the manufacturing interests of Spencer, none are more worthy of note than the mill operated by C. E. Adams. It is located on the northeast corner of Main and Second streets, in a substantial three-story building. It is well equipped and supplied with the very best of machinery throughout, from the engine which drives the many wheels and puts the large rollers and mills in motion to the smallest wheel in the separator. Its dusters, cleaners, scalpers, separators and various rollers are new, bright and perfect and are of the very latest make and of the same patent that are used in the best and largest mills of the country. Every piece of machinery connected with the grinding department is closely encased, so that it is next to impossible for any particle of dust or dirt to penetrate through the seams and thus become mixed with the flour. The

mill is devoted exclusively to making buckwheat and graham flour, corn meal and grinding feed, and the superior quality of these is in a measure a test of the excellent machinery employed in their manufacture. But perfect fitting and perfect working machinery does not always produce perfect flour, meal or feed. It requires something more. None comprehend this in a greater degree than Mr. Adams. He spent several years in some of the best mills in Minneapolis, the great head center of the milling business of the United States, and has familiarized himself with it in all its various details and is therefore not only thoroughly acquainted with all the requirements of a good miller, but knows how to make good buckwheat flour and corn meal and satisfy his trade. The first that Mr. Adams requires is good clean grain, and then one-half the work is done. He is therefore extremely careful in the selection of his milling grain. He deals directly with the producers and does not trust the buying to a third party. He exercises great caution in his purchases and is careful to see that he gets nothing but sound corn, bright and plump kernels of buckwheat and other grains. Then he is equally careful that none of the screenings are ever mixed in with the grain being ground. With all these precautions and watchful care is it any wonder that he turns out a superior and pure quality of buckwheat and graham flour? For all these pains he has been rewarded by establishing a most excellent business which is not confined to Clay county but extends many miles to the northwest. His bolted corn meal, his buckwheat and graham flour have no superiors for quality, purity and strength. These are his specialties and he defies any miller in the land to make any better. Last spring Mr. Adams purchased a very large quantity of the very best buckwheat seed he could find in the market and shipped it here and induced quite a number of the farmers to sow it. Those who sowed have reaped a rich reward for the labor bestowed It can be sown quite late even after the other crops are in, and yet do nicely. It requires but little labor to produce it, is easily handled, commands a good price and is always marketable. The average yield is about twenty bushels to the acre. The success attending those who raised it this year will in all probability induce others to do likewise next year. Mr. Adams is deserving of the thanks of the farmers for encouraging another class of crop and thus increasing their avenues of profit. The mill is a credit to the town and richly deserves the patronage which is liberally given it.

CHURCHES.

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Spencer, was organized Aug. 10th, 1867, with Rev. D. N. Coats as pastor; Solomon Wells, deacon; R. A. Coats, treasurer; and J. F. Calkins, clerk.

The organization consisted of ten original members, who met for covenant and business and religious meetings in private houses, until Aug. 7th, 1869, when they met for the first time in the new school house, the first frame building put up at Spencer.

In April, 1871, the membership had increased to fifty-three.

In February, 1872, Rev. D. N. Coats resigned as pastor and Rev. R. A. Coats was elected pastor, and the church was moved from the school house to the Court House hall.

June 7th, 1873, the church took out papers of incorporation under the name of the "First Free Will Baptist Church of Spencer, Clay County, Iowa," with G. D. Marcellus, J. F. Calkins, Wales Lamberton, J. E. Robbins and D. N. Coates as trustees. (Said papers are recorded on page 43 of Book of Incorporation among the County Records).

At the same time it was agreed to move their meetings from the Court House Hall to the new M. E. church that they had assisted to build with that ultimate understanding that they should occupy it alternately with the Methodists. In May, 1875, the church again returned to the Court House Hall, and February 1st, 1879, moved to Merritt's Hall and thence to Court House Hall again in October, 1881, and from there to their own new church corner of Fifth and ——— street, June 3d, 1882, where they now (1889) worship in a commodious, nicely finished church edifice with Rev. H. J. Brown as their pastor and a membership of eighty-one and quite an interesting Sunday school of about 60 members, presided over by Mrs. H. J. Brown. J. F. Calkins, H. D. Parsons and S. P. Cruver are the present deacons and H. D. Parsons is the clerk. The respective pastors have been: Revs. D. N. Coats, R. A. Coats, F. P. Augir, J. H. Moxom and H. J. Brown, the present pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

Corner 3rd and Mill streets. Thirteen residents of Spencer invited Rev. David Wirt, then of Fort Dodge, to visit the place and hold services, which he did at the Court House Hall on the evening of March 14th, 1872. At the close of the service, those interested in the organization of a Congregational church remained and organized. A committee of three, of which A. W. Miller and L. C. Burgin were members, drafted a constitution and articles of Faith and Covenant. These were adopted at a meeting held March 16th. On Sunday, March 17th, 1871, Rev. Wirt preached, after which eleven persons united. Of this number the following are still members: A. W. Miller, L. C. Burgin, P. M. Moore and Clarissa Van Eps. In the summer of 1872 Rev. W. L. Coleman entered upon his pastorate of the church. The first officers were: P. M. Moore and L. C. Burgin, deacons, and A. W. Miller, secretary and treasurer.

In September, 1874, this society decided to erect a church. A building committee, consisting of Dr. McAllister and L. C. Burgin, was appointed, with instructions to purchase a lot. The following year the church was built at a cost of $2,000, the lumber being hauled from Sibley, a distance of sixty miles. Under such circumstances and the small membership the building of a house was no small task. After a pastorate of seven years, owing to feeble health, the Rev. Coleman resigned. During his pastorate 27 members were added. In August, 1870, Rev. J. M. Cummings accepted the pastorate and during his three years forty-six additional names were added to the church roll. About September 1st, 1883, Rev. G. G. Perkins, of Avoca, accepted the call of the church and entered upon the pastorate. In the six years now passed, ninety persons have been received to membership. The parsonage has been enlarged and the whole building paid for; two additional lots purchased for a site for a new house of worship and other improvements to the amount of $300. The church is free from indebtedness and in a prosperous state. The Sunday

School numbers 156. It has a Womens Missionary Society, two circles of King's Daughters and a Ladies' Aid Society. The present officers are: Pastor, Rev. G. G. Perkins; Deacons, J. N. Andrew, L. C. Burgin and A. H. Goodell; Trustees, A. W. Miller, A. C. Perine and M. P. W. Albee; Treasurer, A. C. Perine; Clerk, W. P. Ward.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Church of Christ was organized in January, 1881, with a membership of twelve. The meetings were held in the Court House for quite a period and afterwards for a time in the Baptist church on Third street. In May, 1883, the present handsome church was begun and on the 3rd of October of that year it was dedicated by Rev. D. R. Dugan of University Place, Iowa. It was built during the pastorate of Rev. Frank O. Fannon. It is located on West Fourth street, and the lot and church building is estimated to be worth $3,000. This church now has a membership of 120. The following ministers have been pastors of it: Revs. H. E. Higbee, W. P. Summers, F. O. Fannon, R. A. Thompson and John Van Kirk, the present incumbent.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

Spencer Circuit, was formed in September, 1871. At first the membership was quite small, but under the ministrations of Rev. Charles B. Winter, the pastor, the congregations grew and the number of members increased. The first services were held in the Court House Hall, but as the church in time increased so rapidly numerically, it was decided to build a place of worship. Subscriptions were solicited and in 1872 a sufficient amount had been subscribed to justify the trustees to let the contract for building the church. The trustees at this time were: John Hood, President; M. M. Peeso, Secretary; J. H. Hale, Treasurer; A. M. Calkins, W. W. Scott, R. Hough and H. B. Wood. The building progressed rapidly and by June was ready for occupancy. On the 18th of June, 1872, it was formerly dedicated by Rev. J. W. Clinton. It was a neat and convenient church and an ornament to the town. The zeal and earnestness displayed by Rev. Mr. Winter, ably assisted by the trustees and others, was untiring, and it was a source of pride and rejoicing when the church was completed and ready for Divine worship. It was well seated, provided with an organ, and was in every way a model church edifice. It was, unfortunately, destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire has never yet been ascertained. The church was, therefore, without a place of public worship, but in time went back to the Court House hall, where services were conducted until 1880. Under the ministrations of Rev. E. C. Warren, the society succeeded in raising $2,000 and built the present church on the corner of Fourth and State streets. It was dedicated in 1880 by Bishop Warren and its entire indebtedness provided for on the day of its dedication. In 1881 a parsonage was built, 16x24, at a cost of $700. This has since had several additions and is a comfortable and cosy dwelling. The church building is a substantial frame structure of sufficient seating capacity and one of the best constructed church buildings in Spencer. The membership of this society when first organized was 46 but it has grown until its membership is now 146. It has a well organized and conducted Sabbath School, numbering over one hundred scholars and

has been under the superintendency of Prof. W. W. Brittain. The pastors in charge in their order have been as follows: Revs. C. B. Winter, F. M. Cooley, W. H. Drake, J. W. Lothian, Seymour Snyder, E. C. Warren, P. H. Eighmy, T. E. Carter, J. W. Lothian, E. M. Glasgow, C. O. Brown, ——— Chase.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

This parish began holding services in Spencer in 1879. The society was ministered to by Father Smith of Emmetsburg. In 1882 Father Norton assumed the pastorate. For a number of years the society held services in Merritt's Hall. In 1883 ground was broken for the new church which was completed and dedicated in 1884. It is a pleasant and comfortable frame building and is located on Fifth street. This society has a good membership and is gradually growing under the present ministrations of Rev. Father ————.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Was organized January 7th, 1874, with David Skinner, Catherine Skinner, J. A. Bowman, W. M. Davis, S. Hayes, L. Chapin, J. J. Ayres and L. F. Miller. The first officers were: D. Skinner, Deacon; L. F. Miller, Clerk; J. A. Bowman, Treasurer; D. Skinner, J. A. Bowman and W. M. Davis, Trustees. The first pastor was T. H. Judson, who was succeeded by Rev. A. V. Bloodgood, D. C. Ellis, N. H. Perry and —— Brown. They have a church on Third street. At present this society is without a minister.

INCORPORATED ORGANIZATIONS.

There have been a number of associations and organizations incorporated. Some of them have been very successful in carrying out the object of their incorporation, while others have met with signal failures.

On the 11th of July, 1871, articles of incorporation were filed in the Recorder's office to build the Spirit Lake and Sioux Valley railroad. The incorporators were R. S. Wilcox, Orson Rice, C. M. Squire, J. F. Calkins, H. S. Bailey, D. C. Thomas, S. Olney, Jr., T. S. Seymour, Samuel Gonser, J. B. Edmunds and others. At that time Clay, as well as the adjoining counties, would have been greatly elated to have had any kind of a railroad. Whether the incorporators intended to build the road or induce eastern capitalists to take hold of the project and carry it through, those still remaining are reticent. The project was not only feasible but is what is needed at this very time.

The "Pioneer Baptist Church" was incorporated in April, 1870, with Wm. C. Roberts, David and William Evans, John W. Jones and D. C. Thomas, incorporators.

The M. E church was incorporated January 3rd, 1872, with C. B. Winter, W. W. Scott and M. M. Peeso as signing the articles. A neat and cosy church building was constructed, but was subsequently totally destroyed by fire.

In December, 1871, John Lawler, Henry Ford and Lindsay Seals filed articles of incorporation. The purpose of this organization they alleged was to construct a line of railroad to be known as the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Union Pacific Railway Company. They also proposed constructing, owning and operating roads, railroads, bridges, ferries and ferry boats, stores and store houses, warehouses and elavators in the state of Iowa. Spencer was to be head-

quarters. The plan and purpose was conceived with a very broad foundation. But whether the undertaking was too great or the scheme was too heavily loaded is to-day unknown. At any rate this herculean and extensive project was never carried out.

The Congregational church was duly incorporated in September, 1872. Edward Pruyn, H. B. Coryell and Peter M. Moore were the incorporators.

The incorporators of the Free Will Baptist church were G. D. Marcellus, R. A. Coats, J. F. Calkins, P. E. Randall and others.

The first Clay County Agricultural Society, dated its organization from May 21st, 1873. It, however, was short lived, giving but one exhibition.

The Co-Operative Council of Patrons of Husbandry, was in existence from the early part of 1875 until the beginning of 1878. when it went the way of all things earthly For a time it was a potent factor, not only in business matters, but in political circles. It was well officered, but. like many organizations of a similar character, it did not prove either profitable or beneficial generally, and the members gradually dropped out and it became a thing of the past. The officers were: President. J. M. Spencer; Secretary, A. W. Green: Treasurer, Eben Bailey; Superintendent, S. W. Dubois; Trustees, J. W. Ford, J. R. Ward and W. W. Scott.

The Iowa and Montana Live Stock Company came to be known in 1883. For a time this organization, which was composed of some of the wealthiest citizens of the county, done a large and extensive business. They purchased several thousand head of cattle and horses, which they shipped to Montana where, for a few years, the investment made bid fair to yield immense profits. Unfavorable weather, extremely low prices for cattle and the great cost for railroad transportation, all combined to entail a loss and cost that ultimately caused the investment to prove unprofitable to the investors. Among those in this county who were original stockholders were, Marcus Tuttle, John Thayer, M. E. Griffin, James Goodwin, J. E. Francis and Frank Floete.

In 1884 a number of gentlemen living at Peterson, after discussing the question from day to day, decided that there was coal underneath the soil in and around that town. The more the subject was discussed the more convinced they became of it being a fixed fact. They became so satisfied and convinced that they formed a stock company, sent for an expert, and at once began sinking a shaft in search of the "dark and dusky diamonds." After digging down some distance the expert reported growing signs of coal. The stockholders became jubilant. The news was spread broadcast, and the excitement became intense. The work was prosecuted with great vigor and the quantities of soil, rocks, etc., raised made a small mountain. The expert reported brighter and better signs and the people no longer doubted that in a short time huge quantities of coal would be ready for sale. The confidence in the ultimate success of the project became so great that a large number of companies were immediately organized. The first one was called the Fairbanks Coal and Mining Company, after the main projector. The officers were as follows: President, Hon. Isaac S. Struble; Lewis Voight, Secretary; J. W. Fairbanks, Treasurer. Then there were: The G. F. Strait Coal and Mining Company, The Jones Coal and Mining

Company, The Peterson Coal and Mining Company, and a host of others. The whole project came to naught and the incorporators were out of pocket several thousands of dollars. There may be coal there but these companies failed to obtain it in sufficient quantities to make it profitable.

The Spencer and Southeastern Railway Company was organized in 1884. The object of this company was to construct a line of railroad running through Clay county in a southeasterly direction. The officers were: A. W. Miller, James Goodwin, J. Q. Adams, C. S. Penfield, J. D. McDonald and Ackley Hubbard. The first movements of this company gave evidences of ultimate success and probably would have resulted in securing a railroad had not the farmers and others refused to aid it in voting a tax. Failing to secure a majority of the townships through which the proposed road was to run, the organizers abandoned their plans.

EARLING HOTEL.

In 1887 a stock company was organized for the purpose of erecting a hotel building which would be in keeping with the general prosperity and growth of Spencer, and as a result the present handsome and commodious Earling hotel was completed at a cost of something less than $20,000, including furniture. The Earling is the leading hotel and is thoroughly furnished throughout and is an ornament and great advantage to Spencer. There are many reasons why a first class hotel is of great benefit to a town. The very first thing which a stranger or traveling man wishes to know on entering a place, is the name and locality of a good hotel, whether he wants simply a meal or intends to stay a day or a week or even longer. And in many cases a stranger is either favorably or unfavorably impressed with a town by the class and character of its hotels. Fortunately Spencer is well provided in this respect. The Earling was built to supply the wants and demands of the traveling public. It is a commodious three-story building with basement, most admirably and conveniently arranged with all the latest and most modern improvements. It is heated with steam, provided with electric bells in every room, and supplied with new furniture, carpets and dining room essentials. It is pronounced by the traveling public to be one of the neatest, most substantially constructed and best arranged hotels in the northwest. The present manager and principal stockholder is Mr. J. B. Stamp, who has from many years experience in the hotel business acquired the faculty of making his guests feel as if they were friends rather than strangers, and at home rather than in a public house. He is one of the most hospitable of hosts, his pleasant manner and general agreeableness making him many warm and lasting friends, and all those who once visit the Earling are sure to call again when in Spencer.

The table at the Earling is widely known and a source of general comment among traveling men who visit this section. Special attention is given to this department and the excellent bill of fare at the Earling, so generally and favorably commented on, is due to this fact. The liberal patronage this hotel receives is conclusive that its rooms are neat and cosy and that its table is provided with every substantial and delicacy that the appetites of its patrons crave. The pas-

senger trains passing east and west stop a sufficient length of time for breakfast and supper. The hotel is provided with large and ample sample rooms for the accommodation of traveling salesmen. The former Commercial house has been leased and is used by the Earling for sleeping purposes. The Earling is complete in every particular; is a model hotel and conducted on modern principles and is one of the very best in the state.

WATER WORKS.

After an expenditure of several thousands of dollars, Spencer has succeeded in securing a good water supply and is well protected in this respect in case of fires. A well of large dimensions was sunk at a great depth. A wind pump of enormous size and strength was placed over the well and a large reservoir of the most substantial character, fully enclosed with large wooden timbers, was constructed, capable of holding thousands of gallons of water. The connection is made by a large water main leading through the principal streets, placed at such a depth that it will not freeze in the winter. The mains are placed at such a depth that sufficient pressure is given to afford good fire service and throw a stream of good size a distance of over a hundred feet. Smaller mains have been laid and a number have used the water in their buildings, drawn from the mammoth well. It is of sufficient capacity to meet all the needed requirements and is regarded as a good protection against any ordinary fire.

NEWSPAPERS.

THE CLAY COUNTY NEWS

was established in 1870 by J. F. Ford and S. Gillespie, at Peterson, but was removed to Spencer in 1871, when the county seat was changed. Under the management of Ford & Gillespie the News took rank among the leading weeklies of the northwest. In 1876, Mr. Gillespie disposed of his interest to his partner J. F. Ford, who in turn sold out the entire outfit to A. T. McCarger, who after conducting the paper some time disposed of it to McAlister & Albee. This firm after running the paper about two years sold to W. C. Gibreath in December, 1879. In December, 1880, C. M. Whitman purchased W. C. Gilbreath's interest in the News. Subsequently L. S. Merritt purchased a half interest in the paper and it was conducted under the firm name of Whitman & Merritt. In time Merritt bought Whitman's share of the paper and ran it until May, 1884, when he sold to W. C. Gilbreath. The latter continued in the management of the News until December, 1886, when he sold to P. E. Randall, who after superintending it for a year or more disposed of it to M. V. Richards, the present proprietor. The News through all these varied and multitudinous changes has been ably managed and safely conducted. It has a large circulation and on its subscription books are found the names of quite a number who have taken it since its first issue. It is and always has been staunch republican. It is a seven column quarto sheet.

THE SPENCER REPORTER,

made its first appearance in 1878, and for a short time was under the management of M. E. Griffin and S. Gillespie. J. F. Ford in August of that year re-

turned from California and purchased the outfit and conducted it for some three years, when he sold it to A. T. McCarger. January 1st, 1882, Barnard Bros., the present proprietors, purchased it. The Reporter has gradually grown in influence and favor and at present has a larger circulation than any paper in the county. It is a seven column quarto sheet and is brimful of news. The Barnard Bros. are gentlemen who are thorough newspaper men and know how to successfully conduct a paper. The office is thoroughly equipped with presses, type and fixtures, making it one of the most complete newspaper and job offices in the northwest. The Reporter is republican in politics and is a lively and progressive journal.

THE CLAY COUNTY HERALD.

This journal came to light many years ago, and it was meteoric in the length of time it existed. The editor, Lon Wright, disposed of it after issuing a few editions.

THE OWL

This was a paper devoted to real estate interests. Its editor, J. B. Edmunds, made it quite a readable paper, but it proved to be unprofitable, and was, after two years existence, discontinued. It served a good purpose in its time.

NORTHWESTERN IOWA DEMOCRAT.

This paper was run during the campaign of 1880. The intention was to make it the official democratic organ of the northwest, but in this its editor failed. It was a spicy sheet and Mr. Burdick was a very fair writer, but circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to leave the journalistic field of Clay county.

CLAY COUNTY ADVOCATE.

This organ was brought into existence by C. M. Whitman, who run it a short time and sold it to P. E. Randall. Mr. Randall upon purchasing the News consolidated the two.

THE CLAY COUNTY TIMES

was another paper born in the hopes of aiding the democratic party, but it failed for want of proper support and encouragement from the party it was endeavoring to benefit. Its editors and proprietors were J. A. French and D. E. Pepper, men who had some experience in journalism.

Such have been the journals owned and conducted in Spencer since its organization. The people of the county are a reading class and subscribe liberally for newspapers, periodicals and magazines. It is not infrequent to find families taking every paper published in the county. With these encouragements before him there is an incentive for the editor to endeavor to make his paper not only newsy and attractive, but the best published. The editors throughout the county are men of experience, broad guaged and well informed on the current and political topics of the day, and each week present to their readers all the leading events of the times.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In the spring of 1884, a fire company was organized with about fifty members, composed of the leading young men of the town. The city had previous-

ly purchased a hook and ladder outfit and all that was lacking was a body of active men to use it. The company was duly organized with E. C. Hughes as president, and L. S. Merritt as secretary. The officers of the company were: Foreman, W. C. Gilbreath; First Assistant, D. B. Smyth; Second Assistant, H. Kunath. The company continued in existence until the fall of 1887, when it was disbanded. The city now has in addition to its hook and ladder outfit a hose truck and with its present system of water works is amply provided with the necessary amount of machinery, but has no organized fire company.

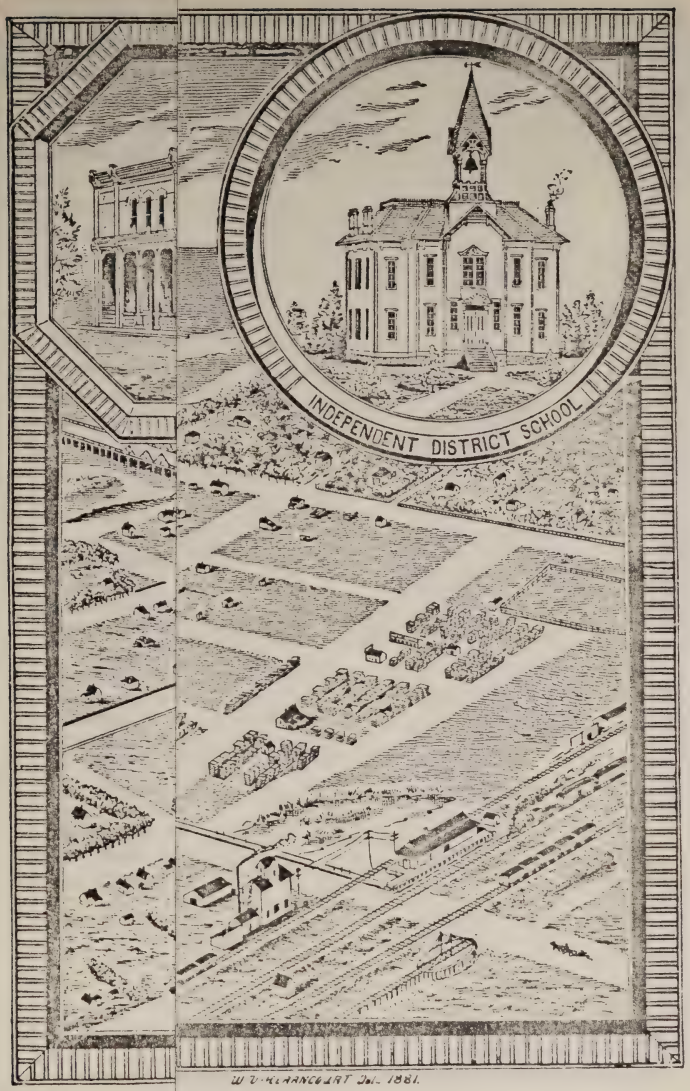


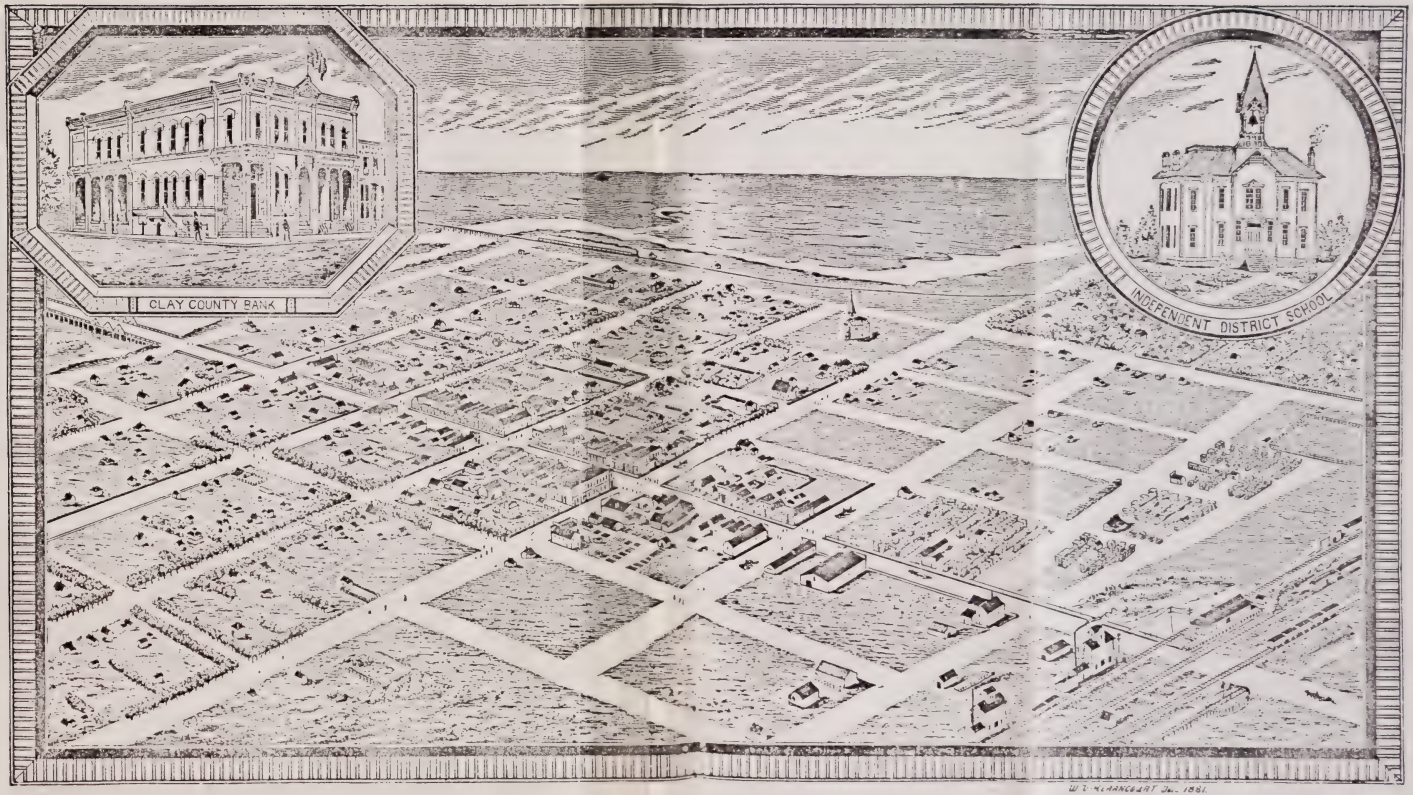
BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF SPENCER IN 1881.

The cut shows a part of Spencer as it was in 1881, then but just budding into promise. The vacant lots are now covered with neat, tasty and commodious dwellings. Many of the smaller business buildings have been torn down and large and handsome structures have been built in their stead. The town has been extended and the north part, or north of the railroad on the right, has been built up. Probably the best and most expensive dwellings are in this quarter. The cut also shows the west side school house, it being one of the three houses used for school purposes. There are marked and striking features when Spencer of 1881 is compared with the Spencer of to-day.

THE FIRST SETTLERS OF SPENCER.

On the 20th day of September, 1865, five families halted at West Bend, Palo Alto county, to rest and refresh themselves. They were immigrants and in search of homes in the northwestern part of the state. After a survey of the surroundings they decided to remain at that place and during the fall and winter look up a permanent location. These immigrants consisted of the families of John F. Calkins, Byron Hough, S. C. Calkins, H. Mars and Wales Lamberton. After they made their preparations for the winter, which occupied some time, they then began their explorations. It was some months later that Stephen Calkins and Velouras Lamberton set out on a tour of inspection. They went westward, passed over the dividing line between Palo Alto and Clay and crossed the Sioux River a little above Gillett's Grove. After an examination of the lands along the Sioux above the Grove they returned to their headquarters and gave a detailed account of their trip and the quality of the soil they had seen and the advantages it presented for a new settlement. The newcomers were so impressed with the statements given by Calkins and Lamberton that in a few days J. F. Calkins and Wales Lamberton made a visit and viewed the places described to them by the first visitors. Upon their return to South Bend and making such a favorable report the entire party at once decided to immediately remove to Clay county. As soon as they could get in readiness the little band of pioneers started westward and in a few days located their claims. J. F. Calkins, S. C. Calkins and Byron Hough each selected 160 acres on section 12, township 96, range 37, while Harvey Mars chose 160 acres on section 8. Thus was the first white settlement established in now Spencer township. It, however, was not until the spring of 1866 that they succeeded in removing from South Bend their families and effects. On the 20th day of May of that year they moved and settled and began the preparation for breaking and tilling the soil. They built log houses, which were so well and comfortably constructed, that most of them remained in use until a few years ago. They were "monarchs of all they surveyed," and were it not that they selected their homes in close proximity to each other the hardships and many privations of the first few years would have been much greater. Their nearest neighbor at that time was a German by the name of Kail, who had previously located at Lost Island Lake, a distance of about ten miles. But fate had decreed that they were not to remain alone, for in the summer of that year there was quite an influx of


INDEPENDENT DISTRICT SCHOOL


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immigrants, for a place which had been so recently inhabited. Among those who came were James Mars, Romain Hough and Solomon Wells, who lived here a great many years. Then there was Rev. D. N. Coats and his son, R. A. Coats, both of whom remained here, the former until he was called to that silent land to explore its untold riches and pre-empt a claim made perfect by long and faithful service, the latter to labor in the vineyard of his Master in another part of the state. There also came John Mastin, F. M. Wells, Homer and Anson Calkins and John Masterman. With the exception of Mars and Masterman they were all men of families. The small beginning in the spring had in a few short months blossomed out into quite a live and active settlement. John Mastin located on section 1 and owned the land on which the original town of Spencer now stands.

The settlement grew gradually. Afterwards came M. M. Peeso, L. C. Burgin and others. Charles Parker and family, now of Wyoming, Wisconsin, were among the earlier settlers and lived here some time. Hattie Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, was the first child born in Spencer. The Parkers lived on the north half of the northeast quarter of section twelve.

Among the first stores to be started were those of J. W. Mastin, Peeso & Burgin, Field Bros., and Horace Smith, Goodwin, Tuttle & Smith (Ashley). Around this nucleus was formed the town of Spencer. Shortly afterward a town site was selected and platted, a post office established and the place put on an air of business in a small way. R. A. Coats was the first postmaster, then came Eliza Carver, P. E. Randall, J. H. Hale and the present incumbent, C. P. Buckey. The post office is now located in the McAllister block and handles an immense amount of mail. During the past the records of the office show that it has greatly increased.

Spencer, as repeatedly stated, has constantly grown and expanded. It is the main shipping point in the county. During the past year the books of the agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company discloses the fact that there was an immense quantity of products shipped from here. The following is a statement of the shipments made from November 1st, 1888, to November, 1889.

The present year is hardly a fair showing as the crop of the year previous was quite light, in common with all parts of the west, and, therefore, the shipments were necessarily small. But they are given to show the amount of business done, with the limiting circumstances.

No.	Cars of	Cattle	190
"	"	Hogs	73
"	"	Hay	1,077
"	"	Timothy	1
"	"	Flax	177
"	"	Barley	41
"	"	Wheat	10
"	"	Oats	33
"	"	Corn	1
"	"	Rye	1
"	"	Potatoes	3
"	"	Dairy Products	25
"	"	Merchandise	47
"	"	Hides	1
"	"	Miscellaneous	215
Total number of cars			1,805

During the same time from November 1st, 1886, to November 1st, 1887, there were nearly 3,000 cars of the same class of stock, grain and other products shipped from Spencer. The decrease is owing to the small amount of grain in 1888 and the present low prices. Many farmers are holding back their grain and stock waiting for a better market. The receipts during the year ending Nov. 1st, 1889, aggregated 36,593,060 lbs. For the transportation of this vast amount of merchandise the Spencer merchants paid the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company the sum of $59,407.50. Estimating the 1,895 cars shipped out to contain 28,000 pounds to the car, which is a very low estimate, the total number of pounds shipped will be 53,060,000 pounds, and assuming that the same rate will be charged for goods shipped as goods received, about one and five-eights cents per pound, the amount the grain and stock men paid the railroad company during the past year reaches about $86,222.50, or a grand total of $145,630 which the business men of Spencer expended during the year in railroad transportation of products, merchandise and stock.

Clay Chapter, No. 112, Royal Arch Masons, was organized March 30th, 1888, and was regularly constituted November 15th, 1889. It has a good working membership composed of some of the leading and most prominent business men of Spencer. Its active working force is large and a great amount of interest is manifested in its meetings. Its first officers were as follows: E. H. P., A. C. Parker; E. K., J. Q. Adams; E. S., L. L. Wright; C. of H., C. E. Leach; P. S., E. C. Hughes; R. A. C., W. R. Fisher; G. M. of 1st V., Ira Bisbee; G. M. of 2nd V., J. S. McElhiney; G. M. of 3rd V., Thos. D. Noble; Guard, C. E. Adams; Treasurer, T. P. Bender; Secretary, M. P. W. Albee. The present officers are the same with the exception that W. I. Claxton is Guard and C. E. Adams is Treasurer.

Young Men's Christian Association was formed in the year 1887 and from the first had a good membership. The young men have manifested considerable interest in its welfare and have endeavored to make its meetings profitable, instructive and entertaining. They have a neat and pleasant room, supplied with an organ and all the best magazines and leading periodicals of the day. This organization is exercising and promoting an influence for good among the young men and is doing a grand and noble work in inculcating wholesome and moral truths and surrounding the younger members by a circle of uprightness and morality. The first officers were: President, W. W. Brittain; Vice President, Courtland Skinner; Secretary, J. A. Blondel; Treasurer, W. S. Brande. Prof. Brittain took a great amount of interest in the organization and his effective work has borne good fruit. The present officers consist of the following young men who are pushing the good work: President, E. S. Long; Vice President, Courtland Skinner; Secretary, J. F. Hirleman; Treasurer, C. Cruver. They extend a cordial invitation to visiting members to call.

Ladies' Library Association.—This beneficial society was organized July 10th, 1883, by a number of ladies of Spencer. From a somewhat limited beginning it has slowly but gradually grown until it now has a large membership and nearly a thousand volumes of the choicest selections in its library. This has not been accomplished without considerable labor. The ladies who have had it in charge have displayed more than ordinary interest in its welfare and have

given entertainments of different kinds to raise the money with which to make their purchases. When the task was first undertaken the outlook was anything but encouraging as many predicted its ultimate failure. But they went to work with a will and a fixed determination to make it a success and that they have succeeded under such discouraging circumstances is greatly to their credit. The first officers were: Mrs. Ackley Hubbard, President; Mrs. M. H. Richards, Vice President; Mrs. A. C. Parker, Secretary; Mrs. E. E. Snow, Treasurer; Mrs. Kate M. Crary, Librarian; Mrs. Jencks, Mrs. C. S. Penfield, Executive Committee. These officers performed their duty with efficiency and established the nucleus from which has grown the present library. Much of the work devolves upon the President and it requires considerable time and labor to devise means and plans for securing the necessary funds to purchase the latest works as well as to keep alive the interest in the society. The society has been very fortunate in its selection of presidents, and much of its success is due to this source. Under the leadership of Mrs. M. H. Richards, Mrs. Kate M. Crary, Mrs. George Thayer, Mrs. S. J. Egleston, Mrs. J. Q. Adams and other ladies, the society accomplished a good work and did much towards putting it in its present healthful condition. The library is well patronized by the public and is one of the leading literary and social institutions of Spencer. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Kate M. Crary; Vice President, Mrs. A. C. Parker; Secretary, Mrs. M. S. Green; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Smith; Executive Committee, Mrs. Ackley Hubbard, Mrs. S. J. Egleston, Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. A. A. Flint, Mrs. C. M. Squire; Librarian, Mrs. J. E. Steele. The rooms are over D. Wooliscroft's store on Main street.

SPENCER FOUNDRY.

This branch of industry is one of great value and is almost indispensable to Spencer. It not only gives employment to a number of artisans but transforms the rude and crude material into articles of utility. While it is true that it does not rank with many institutions of a similar kind in the state, and has not all the necessary machinery required, notwithstanding all this, the work it does turn out is of a superior kind. Both Mr. Skinner and Mr. Maurer are young men thoroughly conversant with the business and are skilled mechanics. They give their time and personal attention to all work done and are endeavoring to build up a reputation by the character and durability of it. They have produced some work which for quality and workmanship cannot be excelled in the state. They are now manufacturing a number of hay presses, machines for making fences and filling numerous other orders. All this work is being done under the one roof. These young men are more than deserving of the patronage and success which is attending their efforts to build up the manufacturing industries of Spencer. Mr. Skinner, the senior member of the firm, has organized a stock company, which is known as the Spencer Fence Company, for the purpose of introducing and selling his patented machine for the manufacture of fences, a description of which is given elsewhere. Mr. Frank Maurer, the other member of the firm, has invented and had patented a hay press, a superior machine, an account of which is also given on another page. With two such young men, having such clear and comprehensive knowledge of

machinery, and skilled in their trade, at the head of the Spencer foundry, it ought beyond a peradventure to prove a decided and permanent successful institution.

ALBEE & HIRLEMAN.

The mammoth line of goods this leading firm of general merchants carry is the largest of any in the place. They occupy the large brick building adjoining the Clay County Bank, being feet in depth and feet in width, with a room facing on Fourth street of x feet in dimension. This large space is scarcely capable of containing their large and most carefully selected stock of dress goods, cloaks, notions, clothing, boots and shoes and groceries. Both gentlemen are thorough, practical merchants and understand their business. Understanding it they possess the ability to discriminate between what their customers do not want and what they do want, when in the eastern markets making their purchases. The consequences are they buy suitable goods and select them with the sole purpose of selling them. Their stock at present is new and complete and a better or more salable one cannot be found within the confines of Northwestern Iowa. Being men thoroughly posted in the different changes of prices and styles they are ever on the alert to keep in stock all the latest novelties in every department of their store. They are men whose integrity and judgement cannot be gainsayed, and, therefore, enjoy the confidence of the public and a large and profitable trade. They are pleasant men with whom to transact business and their exceedingly low prices makes it doubly so. Their trade extends over the entire county and even the county lines is not the boundary.

MCQUEEN & ANDREW.

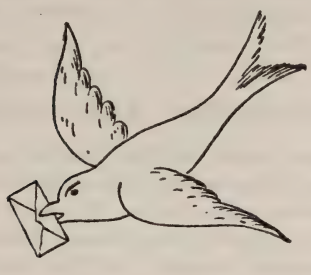
This newly established but well known firm of agricultural implement and coal dealers began business in the spring of 1888, and are located on Main street, opposite The Earling. Both Thos. McQueen and George Andrew, the gentlemen constituting this firm, have long been prominently known in Spencer trade circles for probity and business sagacity. While entering the trade in which they are now engaged they well understood that they must enter into competition with old and long established houses, engaged in a similar business, but, nothing daunted, they launched out, built themselves a two-story frame building on the site previously mentioned and began business. They have succeeded beyond their most sanguine anticipation and have now established a trade second to no agricultural house in Spencer. This has not been accomplished without great labor, close attention to business and an extra amount of diligence and energy. What has materially conduced to their success has been the extra quality of goods they have for sale, the uniform low prices, their methods of squareness and fairness and the courteous treatment they have shown their customers. In the coal and wood trade they have far surpassed their competitors and have established a business that is large and lucrative.

They handle the best makes of plows, harrows, mowers, reapers, wagons, sleighs and all farm supplies that are required, and sell them as low as they can be purchased in any retail market in the west.

SPENCER TROTTING ASSOCIATION.

This Association was formed in 1889 and held its first exhibition in August. There were fifty-one entries and the races were pronounced to be the best of any ever held in Northwestern Iowa. The purposes of the organization are to encourage a friendly rivalry among the owners of good horses and to encourage others to better their breeding stock. The men who have taken hold of this enterprise are among the most prominent in the town and since the most satisfactory exhibition given last August the future success of the Association is now assured. Its officers are: President, John Thayer; Secretary, Frank Richardson; Treasurer, M. C. Remsberg. The Executive Committee consists of C. P. Buckey, E. C. Hughes, W. L. Bender, I. F. Constant and J. G. West.

Each stockholder contributed $25. The Association conducted the affairs so financially successful, that they were able to pay back to the stockholders the amount they contributed towards starting the organization.



SPENCER AND SPENCER TOWNSHIP.

The following is a list of the residents of Spencer and Spencer township, names, occupation, number in the family, location of residence, number of persons in employ, and the number of acres of land owned by each resident, as near as the information could be obtained, and biographical sketches of various individuals. The following are the abbreviations for the directory:

Co for Company or County.
Mfr for Manufacturer.
Prop for Proprietor.
Sec for Section.
M for Married.
A for acres.
St for Street.
P O for Postoffice.

M 4, indicates that he is married, and that there are four in the family.

M 4-2, reads, viz: Married, four in the family, and has two persons employed.

M 4-2, a 160, should read, viz: Married, four in the family, employs two persons, and owns 160 acres of land.

M 3-1, a 160, sw ¼, sec 4, p o Spencer, would read, viz: Married, three in the family, employs one person, owns 160 acres of land, lives on the southwest quarter of section four, Spencer township, and his postoffice address is Spencer.

Adams J Q, banker, m 3-2, a 3,000, res North Main.

(See biography elsewhere.)

Adams Mrs Susan B, widow, res North Main.

Adams Charles E, miller, res cor Main and Second.

The subject of this sketch was born May 12th, 1844, in Troy, Vt., where he lived until he reached the age of 12 years, when with his parents he removed to Ohio. At the outbreak of the war, when but 17 years of age, he enlisted in the Eighty-seventh regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the surrender of Harper's Ferry he was taken prisoner, and after being paroled, returned to his Ohio home. Before being exchanged, he re-enlisted in the Eighty-sixth Ohio, and served until the close of the war. Among the more prominent engagements that he was in were the first battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Harper's Ferry and Cumberland Gap. He was also in the command that defeated and captured the notorious Gen. J. H. Morgan, while on a raid through Ohio. On receiving his discharge he came to Mitchell county, this State, and located. In 1871 he went to Minneapolis, where he worked in a mill for several years. Subsequently he accepted a position as traveling salesman for a large Minneapolis firm. In 1884 he came to Spencer, and after remaining here for awhile purchased the Spencer foundry and ran it for several years. In 1887 he disposed of the foundry, and purchased the feed mill, in which he is now engaged. Mr. Adams built a splendid residence on North Main street, which he exchanged with Mr. J. Merritt for the property in which his mill is located. In 1872 he was married to Miss Sadie C. Emeric. They have two children, Alfred and Earle. He owns 320 acres of land, 50 acres of which is under cultivation. An account of his mill is found elsewhere.

Adams John, shoemaker, Main.

He was born in Germany in the year 1839, and when thirty years of age came to the United States and located in McGregor. Previous to coming to this country he learned the shoemaker's trade, and upon his arrival in McGregor soon found employment at his trade. After several years of labor he succeeded in securing a sufficient sum of money to go into business for himself, and done quite a business. In 1881 his building caught fire, and all his stock was destroyed. He at once decided not to engage in business again in that city, but to come to Spencer. Upon his arrival here all he had was a few tools. He leased a shop, and with his skill and native pluck, went to work. That he succeeded is attested by the fact that he now has a good business, owns the two-story shop in which he works, which is a valuable piece of property on Main street, a cozy residence in the north part of the town, and a number of lots which are constantly increasing in value. All this he has accomplished by toiling early and late. He was married in Germany in 1869 to Miss Catherina Neuman. They have six boys and one girl.

Adams Alpheus, m 4, res North Main.

Ackenback H, butcher, m 6–2, a 10, res Third.

Albee Marshall P W, of Albee & Hirleman, general merchants, Main, res East Fourth.

His early life was spent in Lancaster, Worcester county, Massachusetts, where he was born August 8th, 1851, and lived until 1867. After receiving the advantages of the common schools of the city in which he resided, and attending for some years the Lancaster Academy, he accepted a position as clerk in a retail drug store, where he remained two years. He then went to Boston, and lived in that city for five years. During his residence in Boston he attended the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and also clerked for Dr. Thomas L. Jenks, a noted physician and a prominent politician, he having held the offices of a member of the common council, chairman of the board of police commismissioners, a member of the State Legislature, and at present President of the North End Savings Bank. After remaining sometime with Dr. Jenks, and thoroughly familiarizing himself with the drug business, he entered into partnership with George S. Dodge, and under the firm name of George S. Dodge & Co., engaged in the drug trade. Here he continued from the spring of 1871 to the fall of that year, when, owing to failing health, and by the advice of physicians, he was compelled to dispose of his interest and seek a different climate. He traveled through parts of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, and finally in his travels came to Clay county. Being so forcibly and pleasantly impressed with the healthful and invigorating climate, the productiveness of the soil, the opportunities for business expansion, and withal the intelligent and energetic inhabitants, he concluded to locate in Spencer. Being a man cautious and careful to investigate and mature his conclusions, and then quick to act, he, shortly after deciding to remain in Spencer, purchased of F. E. Ward his stock of drugs, store building and lot on which now stands the bank building of Griffin & Adams. He continued in the drug business from the spring of 1872 to the

fall of 1878, when he disposed of it to McCargar & Bender. In 1877, in company with Dr. Charles McAllister, he purchased the Clay County News, and was its manager and editor until December 18th, 1879. Disposing of the News, he entered into partnership with I. F. Constant in the general merchandising business, and subsequently with I. C. Lewis in the same line of trade. During the year 1881 he closed out his stock of merchandise, and in company with his family returned to Massachusetts, where he remained some time. On his return to Spencer in 1882 he leased the building now occupied by him, adjoining the Clay County Bank, and again entered the mercantile trade. He conducted the business alone until January, 1888, when J. F. Hirleman, a young man who had been with him a number of years, was admitted as a partner. He also has a branch store at Milford, which enjoys a good trade. Since Mr. Albee's residence in Spencer, he has held a number of positions. He was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, a member of the first town council, a member and president of the school board, and Mayor from March, 1883, to March, 1884, and served in all these capacities with marked ability. He is a man of indomitable pluck, possessing excellent natural ability, of strong convictions, and yet conservative in business and public measures, liberal and public spirited. He has always been in the front rank of the progressive men of the county, and every object and purpose of a beneficial character, either public or private, has met his hearty co-operation and endorsement. He always stands ready not only to aid and assist by word, but is ready and willing to contribute his proportion of the finances to carry the object to a successful conclusion. He is the possessor of 100 acres of very choice land, of which 20 acres is under cultivation. He was married in 1875 to Miss Emma, daughter of Rev. F. M. Cooley, then of Cherokee. They have four children living, George C., Harry, Blanche and Pearl.

Alett Peter, laborer, m 3.
Allsbrow ——, laborer, m 4.
Althouse Lewis, laborer, s, Main.
Annett W C, farmer, m 4, a 160, res West Fourth.
Annett J B Mrs, widow, 5, East First.
Anderson Herman, laborer, m 3.
Anderson Andrew, laborer, m 4.
Anderson J L, tailor, Main.
Anderson A, laborer, m 6.
Andrew Geo, agricultural implements, m 7, a 160, Fourth.
Andrew John L, merchant, m 2, West Second.

Andrew John A, stationery and newsdealer, Main, res Second.

Was born in Lafayette, Indiana, July 16th, 1829, and lived there until 1854, when he learned the harness making trade. After leaving Lafayette he went to Oregon, where he remained two years, and then returned to Indiana, and stayed a brief time, and then moved to Iowa, and located at Brighton, and from

the latter place, a year or so later, moved to Martinsburg. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Co. K, Seventh Iowa Infantry. After serving about six months in the ranks he was appointed hospital steward, a position he held until mustered out of the service. Upon receiving his discharge he moved to Indianola, and opened a harness shop, which he conducted until appointed postmaster. He held the postofficeship for a number of years, and was also agent for the United States Express Company. On retiring from the postmastership he began the business of dealer in books, stationery and other articles. In 1879 he closed out his business and came to Spencer, and since that time has been engaged in the business of book, stationery and news dealer. Associated with him in business is his son-in-law, I. F. Constant. They carry a full and complete line of books of all descriptions, stationery of every kind, musical instruments, sewing machines, toys, fancy and toilet articles. Their stock is large, and probably as extensive in the multitude of articles they carry as any store in the northwestern part of the State. They have a large and profitable trade, and are the recognized leaders in every branch of the book trade. Their holiday trade is immense, and is yearly growing and keeping pace with the increase of population. Mr. Andrew was the agent for the United States Express Company for over ten years at this place, and is now the agent for the Adams Express Company. He was married in 1856. They have two children, Fanny and Florence. The former is Mrs. Thos. D. Noble, and the latter Mrs. I. F. Constant.

Andrew John, res East Fourth.

Was born in Yorkshire, England, August 14th, 1844. In 1849, with his parents, he came to the United States, and located in Chicago, where he lived until 1852, when the family came to Iowa and located in Center Grove, Dubuque county, where he remained until 1864, when he enlisted in Co. A, Forty-sixth regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Hon. D. B. Henderson, of Dubuque, being its colonel. He served with his regiment until the close of the war, and on receiving an honorable discharge he went to Montana, where he remained two years in the gold mines. He then returned to Dubuque county, and remained there until 1870, when he came to Clay county, and took up a homestead under the soldier act, and pursued the occupation of a farmer until some years ago, when he removed to Spencer, and has since been engaged in the railway contracting business. Mr. Andrew was one of the charter members of Harmony Lodge, No. 188, Knights of Pythias, and has been an active and enthusiastic member, having been its first Chancellor Commander. He was married to Harriet Merritt, of Asbury, Dubuque county.

Andrew George, of McQueen & Andrew, dealers in agricultural implements, wood and coal, Main, res W Fourth.

Was born in Hull, England, September 25, 1840, and when nine years of age came with his parents to America, and located in Chicago, where they lived three years. Subsequently they moved to Rockford, Illinois, but only remained one years. When thirteen his parents removed to Dubuque county, where he received his education in addition to what he had obtained in Chicago, Rockford and England. He remained in that county until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Co. C, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was

immediately sent to the front. He served his country faithfully and well, and passed through all the grades of non-commissioned officers to first sergeant, and was finally commissioned second lieutenant of his company. His regiment belonged to the Thirteenth Army Corps, and with it participated in the terrible battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg and others of note. This regiment was sent south after the fall of Vicksburg into Texas, and was afterwards sent to New Orleans, and under Gen. Canby took part in capturing Fort Blakely and Spanish Fort, and was present at the closing scenes of the Great War of the Rebellion. On receiving an honorable discharge and resigning a commission faithfully and meritoriously won, he returned to Dubuque county, where he remained, engaging in the farm and mining occupation. In 1869 he decided to move west, and came to Clay county to inspect the country. Being so favorably impressed with it, he took up a homestead under the soldier act, and in 1870 removed his family to this county. Being one of the oldest settlers of the north part of the county, he knows full well the troubles, trials and extreme hardships through which a pioneer must pass, With the nearest market forty miles away, and neighbors few and quite distant, there was nothing romantic or picturesque about it. But he braved the privations and endured the discomforts, and to-day has no regrets for having cast his lot in this goodly county. He remained a resident of Riverton township until 1882, when he removed to Spencer. During this time he held the office of justice of the peace, school director and various other township offices. After his removal to Spencer he engaged for a number of years in the railroad contracting business. In 1888 he formed a partnership with Thomas McQueen, and went into the agricultural implement, coal and wood trade. Mr. Andrew is a man possessing many warm and steadfast friends, is a liberal, public-spirited citizen and valuable business man of this place. He is an ardent Republican, a fervent and enthusiastic Grand Army man, and a Methodist in religion. He was married in 1866 to Miss Olive J. Merritt. Five children have been born to them: Charles M., Mary B., Frank G., Jessie O. and Fanny M. In November, 1886, the loving parents were called upon to mourn the loss of both Charles and Mary within a period of five days. Charles was a bright young man of nineteen, of genial disposition, full of ambition and hopes for the future. He had been a student of Mount Vernon College, and had long entertained a desire to receive a college education. But death, the reaper and leveler of all mankind, struck him down. But four days previous to his demise, the angel of death had taken from their home their eldest daughter, then just budding into womanhood. The sad blow fell heavily upon the parents, and it seemed that the burden was greater than they could bear. They had cherished the brightest hopes for these two, the oldest of their children. Mr. Andrew is the owner of 240 acres of good tillable land in Riverton township, 170 of which is under cultivation, and has a good house and outbuildings on it.

Babcock T P, laborer, m 4, Grove.
Baker G A, contractor, m 3–5, Ninth.
Baker Gay, painter, m 4, West First.
Baker Allen, farmer, m 4.

Baldwin W W, laborer, m 3.
Barber O P, teamster, m 6.
Barber H E, laborer, m 3.

Barnard F M, editor Reporter, Main, res West Second.

Was born in Lyons, Wayne county, New York, in 1855, where he lived until 1868, when his parents moved to Iowa. Soon after his arrival in this State he entered the Gazette office at Cedar Falls, where he learned the printers' trade, and subsequently started the Shell Rock Enterprise, which he conducted for several years. He finally disposed of it, and in company with his brother purchased the Ackley Enterprise, which he run from 1875 to sometime in 1880, when, having sold it, he came to Spencer, and, with his brother Elisha, purchased the Reporter. Mr. Barnard is a logical and forcible writer, and thoroughly understands the "art preservative." He was married in 1880 to Miss Grace Phelps. They have two children, George W. and Charles D. Mr. Barnard is the owner of several hundred acres of land, in different parts of the county.

Barnard E G, prop of Spencer Reporter, res West Second.

Was born in Lyons, Wayne county, New York, May 11th, 1840. After attending school for a number of years he entered the County Clerk's office, where he remained for five years; was three years with a civil engineer party in surveying a canal. In 1858 he came to Cedar Falls, and engaged in farming for some time, and then entered the County Recorder's office at Waterloo. He then joined his brother Frank and purchased the Ackley Enterprise, and afterwards the Spencer Reporter in 1881. He is a good office newspaper man, and devotes his entire time and attention to the mechanical department of the Reporter. He owns 80 acres of land, 20 of which is under cultivation. He was married in 1883 to Miss Teckla Charlson. They have two children, Harriet M. and Julia W.

Barnes A, harnessmaker, m 4, East Second.
Barry E O, farmer, m 7, res West First.
Barry D C, retired farmer, m 2, res West First.
Bascom S C, minister, m 4, res East Third.
Bartlesen C, laborer, m 7.
Barton E C, merchant, s, Main.
Bean W W, railroad contractor, m 8, a 160, West Seventh.

Bemis W S, attorney at law, office over Flindt & Strauss' clothing store, res Fourth.

Born at Independence, Iowa, Sept. 27th, 1859, and where for twenty-three years he made his home. After passing successfully through the common schools of that place, he spent two years at Mt. Vernon College, and then went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he entered the law department of the State University, and from which he graduated with honor. Upon completing his

legal course at the University he went to Dubuque, where for a time he read law in the office of Shiras, Vanduzee & Henderson. He then came to Spencer, and opened an office and began the practice of law, and has succeeded in building up quite a large and remunerative practice. In addition to his legal profession he has been an extensive dealer in real estate, which has proven quite remunerative. Recently he formed a law partnership with J. W. Corey, a prominent attorney living at Spirit Lake, which has proven profitable to both. Mr. Bemis, in addition to being a lawyer of fine attainments and possessing a good legal mind, has taken an interest and been quite active in politics, and wields a large influence. He has frequently been a delegate to county, judicial, congressional and State conventions, and takes quite a prominent part each year in the local canvass. He is an active, energetic attorney who is destined to climb higher on the ladder of success in his profession. In local and county affairs he has always shown a disposition to aid by influence and purse every laudable enterprise looking to the public weal. He is secretary of the Spencer Hotel Company, also of the Building and Loan Association, and is connected with a number of other laudable undertakings tending to benefit and advance the interests of the town. He is the son of Hon. George W. Bemis, who held the office of State Treasurer for a number of years. He was married March 27, 1881, to Miss Flora R. Bemis, of Janesville, Wis. They have one son, George Harper.

Bender Theo P, of Bender Bros & Co, dealers in grain, stock and coal.

Was born in York, Pennsylvania, in 1845, and lived there until 1870. For a great many years he was actively engaged in that city in the mercantile trade. Having disposed of his business he removed to Algona, Kossuth county, and engaged in trade, and remained there until 1872, when he came to Spencer, and with his brother opened a general store. In 1876 he disposed of his interest to J. A. Bohn, at that time a partner. For a brief time he was in the livery business. Subsequently he sold out, and since that time has been extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1880 he formed a partnership with his brother, W. L. Bender, and built the elevator which in company with his partners he is at present conducting. He is one among the largest farmers and land owners in the county, and is actively connected with many other enterprises. He was a member of the first Town Council, a member of the School Board for ten years, and in 1881 was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors, and has been re-elected twice, and is at present chairman of that body, which office he has held for six years. He was very prominently identified with the organization of the county fair, and was chosen its first president, and subsequently selected for the same position three times, declining at last to serve any longer. Upon the organization of the First National Bank he was made Vice-President. Mr. Bender is public spirited and a thorough business man, and has always been liberal in supporting any enterprise that would conduce to the public good. He was married in 1870 to Amanda Howard. They have four children Charlie C., Harrie W., Eddie R. and Freddie L. They have an elegant residence located just at the head of Main street.

Bender W L, of the firm of Bender Bros & Co.

Was born in York, Pennsylvania, March 18th, 1852. Upon reaching the age of nineteen he decided to try the advantages of the western country, and started for Iowa. He came as far west as Algona. Having had some experience in the mercantile line, in company with his brother opened a general store at that point, which they carried on for about one year, when they removed the stock to Spencer. In 1873 he sold his interest, and in a short time started a grocery store, which he conducted until the fall of 1878, when he retired from the grocery trade, and in partnership with A. T. McCargar entered the drug trade, in which he engaged in until 1880. That year he formed a partnership with his brother, T. P. Bender, and built the elevator previously mentioned, and has been in that branch of business ever since. He has been actively engaged in grain and stock buying, and with his brother owns 1,500 acres of fine land, on which they employ nine men, and have this year 600 acres under cultivation. He was for a number of years a member of the Board of Trustees of Spencer, one of the directors of the Agricultural Society, a director of the Building and Loan Association, and treasurer of the Independent School District of Spencer, and has been prominently connected with a number of other public enterprises. He was married in 1877 to Miss Virginia Moore, and has one daughter—Jewel. Mr. Bender has just completed one of the handsomest residences in Spencer.

Bender Mrs H S, widow, 2, E Second.
Bender Geo B, clerk, S Main.
Bender O E, —— Main.
Bender Jacob, carpenter, m 5, Main.
Bender Mrs A, m 2, Main.

Biksen S S, dealer in boots and shoes, Main, res East River.

Was born in Kingsborg, Norway, in August, 1848, and lived in that country until 1871. In his boyhood days he attended school, and later learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he has worked almost constantly since serving his apprenticeship. When arriving at the age of twenty-three he decided to come to America, where there were more favorable opportunities for accumulating wealth and greater freedom. Upon arriving in the United States he first went to Michigan, where he remained for a brief time, and then came to Clay county, where for two years he worked on a farm. He then came to Spencer and opened a shoe shop, and by strict attention to business and by working early and late he had accumulated sufficient capital in 1881 to open a stock of boots and shoes. In 1883 Mr. Gillespie was admitted as a partner, and the business was enlarged and extended. Mr. Biksen has by frugality, economy and labor been very successful financially. What he has has not been gathered by speculation, but by hard work and the closest attention to business. He is an honest and upright citizen, is a member of the City Council, and makes a careful and efficient official. He was married in 1870 to Miss Bertie M. Osland. They have four children, Peter, Hans, Jennie and Julia.

Billings D M, m 9–2, a 160, East Second.
Bingham L, agent, m 3, West First.
Birdsall J O, laborer, m 2, East Third.
Bishop M C, laborer, m 3, Pine.
Bjornsted B, carpenter, m 5, East First.
Bledsoe L, laborer, m 4, West First.
Blinn Geo, laborer, m 2, West River.
Blinn W E, laborer, m 4, West River.
Bloomer J G, farmer, m 2, a 160, Fifth.

Blondel C E, dealer in staple and fancy groceries.

If merit, assiduity and honesty has its reward, C. E. Blondel will win his way in this world. He was born in Neuchatel, Switzerland, in 1852, but at the early age of seventeen came to America to test his abilty and measure his business capacity with the youths of the "land of the free." That he has been admirably successful is demonstrated by the large and remunerative trade that he has established. When he arrived in New York he was unacquainted with the English language, but, nothing daunted, he determined to win his way in this world, and with a spirit born of resolution he came west and sought employment. Quick to learn, bright and pleasant, he soon found a position in the historical city of Galena as book-keeper, which he held for nine years, and resigned to come to Clay county. When he came to Spencer he entered into partnership with Frank A. Bartholomew in the dry goods trade, but shortly withdrew from the firm and opened a grocery store, which he has conducted since. That he has made a decided success of this branch of business industry is clearly shown by the immense trade he has established. He understands his business, and is in every sense an honest and reliable merchant. In 1881 he was married to Miss Alice Beard, of Buncombe, Wis. They have two children, Louis and Fanny.

Blossom J B, butter and egg dealer, in McAllister block.

Was born in McKeen, Illinois, in 1855, and lived there six years, when his parents moved to Waverly, Iowa, where he made his home until 1878. That year he moved to Algona, and in 1886 came to Spencer, where he has since been engaged in the butter, egg and farm produce trade. He has built up quite a large business, and employs from three to four men during the busy season

Boehm J J, cooper, m 4–2, Main.

Bowman W P, drayman, res West Second.

Was born in Jay, Essex county, New York, February 12th, 1823, and lived in that place until 1847, where a portion of the time he was engaged in farming At the latter period he moved to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, where he pursued the life of a farmer. In 1851 he went to Fulton, Rock county, where he engaged in farming and blacksmithing for three years, and then removed to Marquette county and remained there until March, 1866, when he moved to

Mitchell county, Iowa, and lived there until 1874, and then came to Spencer. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. K, First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war. During the greater part of the time since his residence in this county he has been engaged in the draying business, and is the pioneer drayman of Spencer. He was married in 1847, to Miss Lestina Boynton. They have eight children: Hattie, Mrs. S. K. Purdy; Caroline, Mrs. Talpey, of Kansas City; Henry, a physician; Charles, Martha, Minnie, Mrs. Dr. McDonald of Sturgis City, Wilbur and Ella.

Boyer E, laborer, m 3, East Second.

Boyer Emanuel, res First.

Was born in York county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1844, and remained in that county until thirteen years of age, when with his parents he moved to Lima, Indiana. Here he made his home until 1881. The greater part of the time that he resided in Indiana he was engaged in farming. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. E, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served one year. In 1881 he came to Spencer and located. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held the position of chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, is a member of the City Council, and a member of the township board of trustees. He was married in 1865 to Miss Margaret Shanks. They have two children, Edward and Charles.

Boyer Ed, brakeman, m 2, East Second.

Boynton Geo H, clerk, m 8, Pine.

Boynton David, laborer, m 4, East First.

Brande J A, clerk, s, a 40, East Fourth.

Brisbin Geo, machinist, m 5, East Fourth.

Brisbin Wm, laborer, m 3, East Second.

Broadgate Harry, agent C., M. & St. P. Ry. Co, m 4–2, res Second.

For eight years he has held the position of agent, and has proven himself to be a competent and satisfactory official to the company, and pleasant and accommodating to the traveling public. Few agents enjoy the respect and esteem of the public in a greater degree than does Mr. Broadgate. In connection with his duties as agent he does quite an extensive business in the hard coal line. For a number of years he has been a member of the City Council, and has proven to be the right man in the right place.

Browman Charles, laborer, m 3, West Ninth.

Brown H C, carpenter, s, a 160, Main.

Brown Milo, engineer, m 4, West Seventh.

Brown H J, pastor Baptist Church, m 4, West Fifth.



Buckey C P, Postmaster, and of the firm of Buckey & Zink, dealers in groceries.

Was born in Frederick, Md., Nov. 9th, 1850. His early education was received in that city. In 1866, he went to Jefferson county, West Virginia, where he lived for ten years, a part of which time he was engaged in farming. He then accepted the position of book-keeper in the Clay County Bank, and came west. For five years he filled this position with entire satisfaction to the bank officials. In 1881 he resigned his position and went to Montana, where he remained until late in 1883, hunting the buffalo and enjoying the freedom and excitement of the "wild west." Soon after his return he accepted a position in Thos. Goldsworthy's bank at Ruthven, where he remained some time. In 1884 he purchased the grocery store then owned by Griffin Bros., and from that date to this has been pursuing that line of mercantile business. In 1887, upon the expiration of J. H. Hale's term of four years as postmaster, Mr. Buckey received the appointment, and has devoted the greater part of his time and attention to discharging the somewhat onerous and exacting duties of that office. Mr. B. is a young man possessing genuine merit, popular, methodical in business, upright and honorable in all his dealings with his fellow men. He is generous, and has been prominent in promoting many enterprises. He is a Democrat in politics, but liberal in his views. He was married October 17th, 1888, to Miss Mattie D. E. Hart, a young lady who for several years held the position of assistant principal of the Spencer schools.

Burgin L C, farmer, m 5, a 160, West Third.
Bucknell E, baker, m 4, Main.
Byers John, laborer, m 3.
Cady F A, clerk, s, Main.

Cain J W, harnessmaker, Main, res Fourth.

Was born in Indiana in 1828, where he lived until six years old, when with his parents he moved to Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained until thirty-five years of age. During this time he attended school, served an apprenticeship at the harnessmaking trade at Princeton, and then went to Sheffield, where he conducted a harness shop for fourteen or fifteen years. Subsequently he retired from the trade and entered the ministry, and for fourteen or fifteen years was an ordained minister in the Free Methodist church. About ten years ago he retired from the regular connection and again engaged in business. He then removed to Whitewater, Wisconsin, where he opened a harness shop, and once more engaged in trade. In 1880, he came to Iowa, and located at Whittemore, Kossuth county, where for three years he pursued the business of harness making, and then came to Spencer, where he has since been engaged in the same line of trade. Mr. Cain is a religious, upright and respected citizen. He has succeeded well in his business, and has the confidence and respect of the community. He is a thorough workman, understands his business, is an honest dealer, and enjoys a good trade. He carries a well assorted line of harness, saddles, whips, robes and all the supplies usually found in a harness shop. He was married in February, 1853, to Mariah McElwain. They have seven children, James, Amanda, Joseph, Clara, Louisa, Mary, Isabella.

Cammack L M, telegraph operator, m 2, East Second.

Cardell H, retired merchant, m 2, a 160, Main.

Carlsen Ed, clerk, with Flindt & Strauss.

Carner Mrs, laundress, widow, 2, Main.

Carroll Father, pastor Catholic church, Pine.

Carter H L, laborer, m 3, East Second.

Case Scott, carpenter, m 5, West Fourth.

Catlin A O, farmer and stock breeder, Earling Hotel.

Cauch Will, clerk, m 4, Main.

Cavanaugh James, laborer, Main.

Chamberlain Harry, attorney at law, Third.

Was born in Glover, Vt., July 5th, 1849, where he remained until 1855, when, with his parents, he moved to Winnebago county, Illinois. He resided in that state until 1871, when he moved to Clay county. His education was obtained in the Rockford schools of Illinois. He taught several terms of school in that state, also in Clay county. In 1876 he was elected Clerk of the Courts, was re-elected in 1878 and again in 1880 and 1884. The last two terms without opposition. He was a candidate in 1886 but was defeated by only 38 votes. In 1885 he was admitted to practice law and upon his retirement from the Clerk's office he formed a partnership with E. C. Hughes but withdrew from active practice in 1888 owing to failing health. He has held the office of School Director and is at present a member of the City Council. He was married in 1877 to Miss Mary E. Ellis. They have three children: Alonzo W., Mertie M. and Ernest C.

Chamberlain A, res East Third.

The subject of this sketch was born in Orleans county, Vermont, May 7th, 1818, where he made his home for thirty-five years, engaged in farming. In 1853, he moved to Winnebago county, Illinois, and settled in Shirland township. During his residence in that place he represented his township several years as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He held the office of Justice of the Peace, Constable and was appointed enrolling officer and held that position during the war. He came to Clay county in 1872, and located in Clay township, but subsequently moved to Spencer. He has become "part and parcel" of the county and is one of the best known men in it. He has seen it grow and expand from a thinly populated and almost unknown county to one well settled and favorably known. In 1872 and '73, after the grasshopper raids, Mr. Chamberlain went east and solicited contributions for the farmers from whom everything had been swept away. He was very successful and not only obtained liberal assistance in the way of grain and provisions, but money as well. He has held the office of Coroner several terms, also the position of Township Trustee. He has been a Republican since that party was organized, having cast his ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856 and Abraham Lincoln in 1860. His first vote for President was cast for James J. Birney in 1840. Although approaching seventy-two years of age, his mind is as active and vigorous as it ever was. He is an intense reader and manifests the keenest interest in all the topics of the day and is a careful and close observer of the political movements of the times.

Cheney A H, Clerk of the Court, res 10th.

Was born May 12th, 1838, in Brookfield, Vt., and made that his home until 1866. He received the advantages of the schools of Brookfield and later became a teacher. When the south seceded and war was declared, he was teaching school, but at once resigned and enlisted as a private in the 10th, Vermont, but subsequently was appointed 5th Sergeant and within six months afterwards was the Orderly Sergeant of his company. In October, 1863, he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and in October, 1864, he was advanced to the rank of Captain. In the winter of 1864 and '65 he was on detached service and was assigned to duty on the staffs of Gens. Shaw and Birney, as Assistant Inspector General. In March, 1865, for gallant conduct and in recognition of eminent service, he was commissioned Major, and subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of his regiment, but was not mustered. After the surrender of Lee's army, at Appomatox, he, with his regiment, was sent to Texas, where he remained several months. On Sept. 30th, 1865, at Edenburg, Texas, the regiment was mustered out of the service. Major Cheney was in 27 hotly contested and bloody engagements, among them being Antietam, Gettysburg, Hatcher's Run, Deep Bottom, Chapin's Bluff, Fort Gilmer, Petersburg, and was at the last battle between the armies of Gens. Grant and Lee. He served considerable time as a member of several court martials. The Major was wounded four times in four different battles, at Daubytown Roads, Deep Bottom, Chapin's Bluff and Strawberry Plains. The Major was constantly at the front and saw the dangers and hardships of soldier life. Upon receiving

his discharge he visited his Vermont home for a brief period and then came to Buchanan county, where for two years he engaged in farming, and then engaged in the Agricultural Implement business. In 1871 he came to Clay county, where he again entered the same line of trade and which he continued in until 1877. In the fall of 1874 he was elected County Recorder and held that office one term, declining a re-election. In 1877, he disposed of his interest in the farm machinery business and went to the Black Hills where he remained five months. On his return from the west he engaged in farming and stock raising. He has a fine farm of 320 acres in Riverton township, 200 acres being under cultivation. At the fall election of 1886, he was elected Clerk of the Courts and in 1888 was re-elected without opposition. In every position which, in his eventful life, he has been called to fill, Major Cheney has been successful in the highest sense. As a business man he has been upright, honorable and reliable; as a soldier, brave and chivalrous, yielding cheerful obedience to his superiors; as a public official, attentive and obliging, yet inflexible and unswerving in the discharge of his duty. He was married in 1865 to Miss Emma W. Whitney. They have three children, Nellie A., D. Alonzo and Gertrude Emma.

Child R R, retired, m 5, E Second.
Christensen Godfrey, merchant, m 3, Sixth.
Christensen Nels, laborer, m 5, E Fifth.
Christensen, widow, 3.
Christensen Hans, retired farmer, m 2, a 320, E Fifth.

Christensen Ole, farmer, Spencer.

Was born in Denmark on the 14th day of May, 1856. He lived in that country until 1881, when, realizing that he could better himself in this land—where every man is a nobleman—he set out for this country. He landed at New York in June, 1881, and, hearing of the fertile fields of Iowa, he came to Clay county and purchased the w½ of the sw¼, sec 4, Spencer township, all of which is under excellent state of cultivation. His buildings, etc., are very good. He was married in 1884 to Nettie Larson. They have two children Louie and Nellie.

Cleaver D, clerk, m 2, W First.
Cline Mrs, widow, 2, W First.
Clopper H M, real estate agent, m 2, Main.
Coon George, laborer, m 4.
Coats Mrs D N, widow, 2, Grove.
Coburn J, laborer, m 4, W Third.
Collins George, laborer, m 4.
Collins Mrs, widow, 3.
Collins D E, laborer, m 3.
Colvin O, blacksmith, 2, a 80.

Constant I F, of Andrew & Constant, Main, res Second.

Was born in Sangamon county, near Williamsville, Illinois, October 11th, 1852. His education was received in the schools of Williamsville. Soon after arriving at sufficient age he entered a store, when for several years he clerked in different ones, and subsequently became a partner in the last one. During his residence in the town in which he was engaged in business he held the position of township clerk for some time. He assisted in the enlistment and formation of the Cullom Guards, or Co. D, 5th Reg., Illinois National Guard, and was elected Second Lieutenant, and was promoted to First Lieutenant and Captain successively. In 1878 he came to Spencer and engaged in the general merchandising business. He was in partnership with W. C. Gilbreath, and afterwards with M. P. W. Albee. He finally disposed of his interest in the general store, and with his brothers opened a gents' furnishing goods store, which he conducted several years. After having closed it out he entered into partnership with J. N. Andrew in the book and stationery trade, under the firm name of Andrew & Constant. Mr. Constant has since his residence in Spencer held a number of offices. He was town assessor, is secretary of the Clay County Agricultural Society, has held the office of Worshipful Master of the Masonic lodge for a number of years, and a number of other positions of lesser note. He is young, having had excellent business advantages, and is familiar with many branches of business industry. He was married in 1882 to Miss Florence Andrew. They have one child, Avery Garfield.

Constant Louisa, widow, res sw¼, sec 4, a 80, Spencer p o.

Copper John, dealer in groceries, stalpe and fancy articles, queensware and glassware.

Was born in Wayne county, New York, in the year 1849. He lived there until he was about fourteen years of age. In 1863, when only fourteen, having heard of the great naval battles and the wonderful feats accomplished by the sailors under Farragut, Porter and other gallant commanders, he decided to lend his aid and life, if need be, in putting down the rebellion. He went to New York city, that great bustling commercial centre, and enrolled his name as a sailor in the service of Uncle Sam. He was in a short time assigned to a war vessel. He was on board the sloop-of-war Wyalusing, which carried fourteen guns, and participated in the engagement that sunk the rebel war vessel Albemarle that had preyed so long on the merchantmen of the Atlantic. He was in the Northern Atlantic squadron. At the close of the war, after receiving an honorable discharge for over two years of hard and dangerous work, he went to Michigan, and remained there two years. In 1868 he went to Europe, where he remained some time, seeing the great cities of the European continent. Upon his return to the United States he remained a short time at his New York home. Again he decided to cast his bark upon the sea of time. This time it was on land. He came to Clay county in 1869, and has remained here since, with the exception of two years. He took up a homestead and remained on it until he acquired a title. He taught school in Sioux Rapids during the winters of 1869-70-71. In 1871 he was elected sheriff, which office he held for two

years. In 1874, he was nominated and elected to the office of County Recorder. That he filled the position acceptably and satisfactorily is attested by the records, which are among the neatest pages of Clay county's records. Upon the completion of his term of office he went to California, where he remained for about two years. On his return to Clay county he went on his farm, where he stayed until 1878, when he came to Spencer, and opened a grocery store, in which business he has been engaged until the fall of 1888, when he closed out his stock and made a tour of the east, visiting his New York home and attending the inaugural ceremonies at Washington. In the spring of 1889 he reopened his store and confidently expects to wait upon his many customers until the end. His store is located on Main street, and is one of the handsome brick fronts of Spencer. Few men in business in Spencer have been more successful. He is indefatigable in his efforts to please his customers, and is a most affable man to deal with. His stock is large and complete, and his prices so uniformly low that it is not remarkable that he commands a large and increasing trade.

Cotterell Geo D, a member of the firm of Cotterell & Wilcox, Main, res Sixth.

Born at Black River Falls, Wis., in December, 1856, when at the age of six he went with his parents to Praire du Chien. After obtaining an education he entered a drug store of that place and clerked for sixteen consecutive years. In 1885 he went to Mitchell, Dakota, where for three years he was in the livery business. In 1889, in company with Mr. Wilcox he came to Spencer and purchased a drug store. Mr. Cotterell, by his long experience and studious habits, thoroughly understands the drug trade in all its ramifications. He is a careful and competent pharmacist. He was married in 1878 to Miss Anna Harrington. They have three children, Bessie E., Carrie and the baby.

Covey Moses, laborer, m 4, East Fourth.

Crane T M, insurance agent, boards at Commercial Hotel.

Was born in Addison county, Vermont, September 10th, 1850, where he lived for twenty years on a farm. For ten years he was engaged in traveling for a nursery and agent for books. In 1881 he came to Spencer. For three winters he taught school, and then went into the fire insurance business, in which he was engaged until last October. Since then he has been the representative of the New York Life Insurance Company, one of the oldest and most substantial insurance companies in existence. Mr. Crane understands his business, and is an A1 insurance man.

Crary H C, Physician and surgeon, of the firm of McAllister & Crary, office in McAllister's block.

Was born in Syracuse, New York, August 14th, 1845, and when between four and five years old, moved with his parents to Corning, N. Y., and then to La Fayette, Indiana, where he lived ten or eleven years. In 1858 he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he began the study of medicine, and after pursuing his studies some time he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Upon the declaration of war between the North and South, he enlisted as hos-

pital steward in the United States regular army, where he served for a number of years. He was attached to the Fourth and Nineteenth Regulars, and was a part of the time in the general hospital service. During his army service he obtained valuable information in practical surgery, which has been of incalculable benefit to him in his practice. Upon his retirement from the army he pursued a course of lectures at the Detroit Medical College, from which institution he graduated in 1869. After graduating he travelled for Caswell, Hazzard & Co., of New York, introducing their medicines. The doctor had previously been engaged in the drug trade. In 1872 he came west and located at Milford, where he succeeded in establishing a large practice. During his residence in Dickinson county he held the position of Superintendent of Schools, and upon his removal to Spencer resigned that office. The doctor is greatly attached to his profession, and has built up an extensive practice, and has won the reputation of being a skillful physician and surgeon. In 1872 he was married to Mrs. Kate Logue, a lady of many accomplishments.

Crawford Charles W, dentist, First.

Was born in Barboo, Wis., September 24th, 1859, and lived there until 1871, where he received a common school education, also attended the High School for several years. In 1871 he came to Montgomery county, Iowa, where he made his home for a number of years. He entered a dental office at Red Oak and spent several years learning the profession of a dentist. He subsequently opened an office in that place and practiced his profession for a number of years. He came to Spencer in 1880, and began again the practice of dentistry. He is by no means a specialist but is thoroughly posted in all branches of his profession and is prepared to do all kinds of modern dental work. He has all the latest innovations and appliances to do excellent work and what he guarantees is sure to be just what he represents it to be. He has attended several courses of lectures at the Chicago Dental Surgery and is a member of the Iowa State Dental Society which meets every year to discuss the latest innovations in dentistry work and to explain and compare notes on those improvements. Dr. Crawford is a consistent and upright man; liberal and popular in society as well as in business. He has a fine business which he well merits.

Crossley Philip S, laborer, m 7, North Grove.

Crozier S, carpenter, West Fifth.

Crozier Mrs S.

Cruver S P, of the firm of Cruver & Goodell, general merchants, Main st, res East Third.

Was born in Erie county, Penn., in 1832, and resided there until about fourteen years of age, when, with his father's family, he removed to Lake county, Illinois. For a number of years he was engaged in tilling the soil of Lake county. In 1870 he left the farm and purchased an interest in a general store and since that period has been engaged in merchandizing. He came to Spencer in 1881, and in company with T. B. Horton opened a general store.

Subsequently Mr. Morton disposed of his interest to Mr. Goodell and since that time the business has been conducted under the name of Cruver & Goodell. Mr. Cruver is a good business man, understands the trade, is popular and commands a good trade. He was married in 1857, to Miss Hannah A. Pelton. They have three children, all of whom still live with their parents. They are Sylvia, the eldest; Wallace, who is a young man possessing a clear head, wide awake and understands the dry goods trade in all its details. The buying is principally left to him. Curtis, the youngest, is also in the store and is thoroughly acquainting himself with the business.

Cullom H C, m 2, West Fourth.

Cuttell D F O, clerk, m 6, a 120, south of River.

Cunningham N W, contractor and builder, Main.

Was born in Somerset county, Penn., the 22nd, day of February, 1851. At an early age, with his parents, he removed to McLean county, Ill., where he resided until March, 1885. Besides attending the public schools of McLean county he spent several terms at the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. Possessing a mechanical turn of mind, he learned the carpenter trade, which he is still pursuing. Concluding that he could better himself in the pushing west he removed to Sioux City, where he remained six months; then went to Dakota where he stayed a year; then back to Sioux City and from Sioux City to Sioux Rapids and from this latter place to Spencer. Mr. Cunningham is a first-class workman, understanding his trade through and through and is honorable in all his dealings with men. He has built a great many splendid dwellings and business houses since he commenced the contracting business and all for whom he has done work speak in the highest terms of his mechanical skill. He employs all the way from two to five men during the year.

Daily Rev W J.

Damon Mrs, m 2, River.

Dascom George, laborer, m 4.

Davidson Mrs, widow, 3, cor Fourth and West.

Davidson Walter, blacksmith, Fourth.

On Nov. 12th, 1856, he first saw the light of day in Waukesha county, Wis., where he lived until 1881, when he came west. When he was nineteen he learned the blacksmithing trade. Previous to that he had worked on a farm. On coming to Spencer he opened a shop and has since his arrival here pursued his trade. He is an active and energetic young man and possessed of the nerve and determination to win in life's conflict. Being an excellent workman, frugal and industrious, he has been able to build a neat and cosy home and accumulate other property. By his square and honorable methods and superior workmanship as a blacksmith, he has been able to establish a trade that annually brings a handsome renumeration for his labors. He was married in 1882 to Miss Emma Weaver. They have one child, Addie.

Davis Geo W, laborer, m 4.
Dean Walter M, laborer, m 10, west of South Grove.
Dibble Walter, laborer, m 5.

Dickinson Mrs D N, county recorder, res River.

Was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1847, and remained in that state until 1863, when, in company with her husband, she moved to La Salle county, Ill., where she lived some time. From Illinois, they went to Michigan and then back to Illinois and from Illinois to Des Moines, Ia. In 1875 they came to Clay county. In 1877 her husband committed suicide and Mrs. Dickinson was left with little resources and the care and support of five children. This was a sad blow and it required more than ordinary courage to face the future. But, nothing daunted, she heroically set to work to maintain herself and children and to keep them an unbroken family. That she so successfully succeeded is marvelous. She toiled early and late with a fixed determination and to-day has the proud consciousness that she has nobly succeeded. In 1881, she obtained a clerkship in the County Recorder's office which she held until the fall of 1886, when she was elected to that responsible position of trust. In 1888 she was re-elected and is the present incumbent. She has five living children, Sarah, who is now Mrs. Hassinger, William, Mary, who is the wife of William Brisbin, Walter and Emma.

Dickson James P, farmer, sec 4, Spencer twp.

Was born in Allegheny county, Penn., April 17th, 1861. Came to Scott county, this state, in 1881, where he lived until 1888, when he went to Dickinson county, where he remained six months and then came to Clay and leased the farm on which he is living. He is an excellent farmer and the owner of 50 head of well bred cattle. During the present year he cultivated seventy acres in a good and farm-like manner. He was married in 1882, to Miss Mary A. Stewart. They have three children, Leon, Harry and Rollie.

Disbrow Wm, laborer, m 3, cor First and State.
Doane A J, boards at Central Hotel.
Dolvin James, laborer, s.
Dolvin J S, laborer, s.

Dolvin John, County Superintendent of Schools, res cor Second and State.

Mr. Dolvin was born in Carroll county, Ohio, January 31, 1830, where he lived, worked on a farm and attended school for twenty-one years. When arriving at his majority he went to Tuscarora county and taught school for six years. In 1859 he moved to Sangamon county, where he made his home until 1881. He taught school in Illinois for twenty-two years. On coming to Spencer, for a time he engaged in the land and loan business, but subsequently gave his attention to farming. In 1887 he was elected Superintendent of the county schools, and has made a faithful and efficient officer. He is the present incumbent. Mr. Dolvin was unfortunate in losing an arm many years ago, but not-

withstanding this physical misfortune and its great inconvenience, he has been able to accomplish more than many men of equal capability. He is possessed of great energy, well informed upon all the current events of the times, a splendid instructor and possessed of excellent executive ability. He is the owner of 300 acres of farm land, 175 acres of it being under cultivation. Its location and quality is destined to make it very valuable. Mr. Dolvin has been married twice; in 1883 to Miss Emma A. Hobkirk, who died about one year after their marriage. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Clara B. Claypool, of Cantrall, Illinois.

Dubois Mrs N O, book-keeper, widow, 4, East Second.
Duncan Ed, laborer, m, 3.
Dunn Daniel, fireman C., M. & St. P., bds Central Hotel.
Dunwell C A, attorney, m 4, East Third and Cornell ave.

Dye A M, jeweler, res West Second.

Was born in Herkimer county, New York, March 17, 1840, where he spent his boyhood days, and engaged in business for a number of years. In 1877 he went to Spring Green, Wis., where he lived until 1889, when he came to Spencer and opened a jewelry store. Mr. Dye has been engaged in the jewelry trade for twenty-eight consecutive years, and is therefore no novice, but has thoroughly mastered the trade in all its details and intricacies. He is a splendid workman, a thorough judge of all kinds of jewelry and silverware, and those who deal with him can be assured of straight and honorable dealing. He carries a well assorted stock of every kind of jewelry and silverware. He is an upright man in every particular. His place of business is on Main street. He was married in 1865 to Miss Ettie Ellsworth. They have one child, Leon, who lives in Wisconsin.

Earle J W, book agent, m 2, North Main.
Eckwell G A, laborer, single.
Egleston S J, broker, m 3, East Third.
Egleston Albert, drayman, m 5.
Ely Wesley, farmer, m 8, North Grove.
Emig Adam, farmer, m 2, North Main.

Evans Joseph P, grain dealer, res Third.

Was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, in 1839. His younger days were spent there, and his education obtained in that county. Soon after war was declared between North and South he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served his country faithfully and well for three years, having reached the grade of sergeant. During the year 1873, with his family, he moved to Clay county, and settled on a farm in Gillett's Grove township. He afterwards removed to Spencer, and for a number of years engaged in the livery business with his brother John. They built the large livery barn now owned by Mack Bros., on Main street. After disposing of the stable and livery outfit, he engaged in railroad contracting until 1887,

when, having previously purchased the Spencer elevator, he has been in that line of business since. Mr. Evans is a practical business man and a valuable citizen. He has held a number of local positions, having been a director of the county fair, a member of the City Council, secretary of the board of directors of Spencer township and Board of Trustees, and other equally important civil positions. He has been the commander of the G. A. R. Post, and now holds the office of Noble Grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He does quite an extensive grain trade. He was married in 1869 to Miss Mary Moore. They have two daughters, Nellie and Orma.

Fairchild Morris, barber, Main

Was born in Rockford, Illinois, July 1st, 1864. When quite young his parents moved to Okoboji Lake, Dickinson county, this State, in the fall of 1864. He lived in that county until about twelve years of age, when his parents moved back to Winnebago county, Illinois. He lived there about two years, and then came to Fort Dodge, where he made his home for several years. During this time he lived in Minneapolis, where he learned the barbering trade. After working some time in that city he went to Sioux City and other points. In 1888 he opened a shop in Milford, which he run for about six months. In the fall of 1888 he came to Spencer and engaged at his trade. He leased a building on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth, next door to Ackley Hubbard's furniture store, and fitted it up in a neat and tasty manner. Mr. Morris is a first class barber and hair dresser, and by his manner of conducting a shop and his expertness as a tonsorial artist has built up a most satisfactory business. His many and increasing customers are more than satisfied with his deftness and easiness as a barber. His room is neat, tidy and attractive. His object is to please his trade, in which so far he has admirably succeeded. Besides himself, he employs Frank Hanburg, a young man who handles the shaving and cutting tools with skill.

Faulkner Thos, laborer, m 4, West River.

Faulkner Dennis, laborer, m 5, West River.

Fehr Jacob, laborer.

Was born in Switzerland and came to this country about ten years ago. He possesses a roving disposition and a desire to see the great United States. He has lived in a large number of states. His longest stay was in New Jersey and Illinois. From the latter state he came to Clay county.

Ferris D M, laborer, m 2, cor Fourth and Water.

Furgerson Thos, laborer, single.

Fish ———, blacksmith, m 4, cor Fifth and Grove.

Fisher J E, lumber dealer, m 3, cor Fifth and State.

Fisher W R, lumber dealer, m 3, cor Pine and State.

Fizell W T, painter, single.

Flindt William, of Flindt & Strauss, dealers in clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats and caps, Main. Boards at the Earling.

Was born in Winona, Minn., May 16th, 1863. When but three years old his parents moved to Albert Lea, where he remained for twenty-one years. For five and a half years he was in the employ of Mr. S. Strauss, now his partner. Mr. Strauss is a German by birth. He lived one year at Indianola and then moved to Albert Lea where he has carried on one of the largest clothing establishments in that section of Minnesota. From long experience he is thoroughly posted in the clothing trade and has few equals as a buyer or a judge of goods. In 1881 Mr. Flindt formed a partnership with him and opened a store in Spencer, a point which has more than approved of their selection. They carry one of the largest stocks in the city and by their uniform and satisfactory prices have established a trade second to none in this section. Their trade during the past two years has eclipsed anything in the clothing line in this town. It was due to four reasons: 1st, their large and well assorted stock from which to select from; 2nd, the quality, style and excellent make of their goods; 3rd, the uniform low prices which they sold their goods to one and all alike, and 4th, to the kind, gentlemanly and courteous treatment they have extended to their patrons. These are four essential elements of a successful trade and have proven decidedly so with Flindt & Strauss. There are few if any clothing houses in the northwest that begin to carry as heavy and well selected assortment of clothing as this firm. This is strikingly evidenced by the fact that they draw an immense amount of trade from adjoining counties. People in these counties are thoroughly convinced that they can buy cheaper and get a better quality of goods for their money by purchasing of this firm than they can by patronizing their home merchants. They have a very important advantage over a majority of firms in the clothing trade, in that when they purchase their semi-annual stock they buy for the two establishments—Spencer and Albert Lea—and it is a well known fact that the greater the amount the less the price. Consequently Flindt & Strauss avail themselves of this fact and therefore buy cheaper and hence can sell cheaper than those buying in lesser quantities. Another feature of their goods are, they are well made and are perfect fitting garments, which materially aids in selling them.

These men are liberal, public spirited and progressive, and they make their store the emporium for the very latest styles and novelties in neckwear and gents' furnishing goods. You can purchase all the latest and most fashionable articles of gentlemen's wear at this store that you can find in the most fashionable clothing resort in the city. The proprietors and clerks are all gentlemen and take the most careful pains to treat their customers in a most pleasant and cordial manner.

Flint A A, res W Second, Spencer, grain dealer; member of the firm of Bender Bros & Co.

Born in New York in 1836. Moved with his father to Whitewater, Walarous county, Wis., in 1846, where he lived for eight years, then removed to Stoughton, where he commenced in the mercantile trade. At first he was a

clerk and afterwards proprietor. In 1880, he went to Menominee, Michigan, and re-engaged in trade and remained until 1887. He was in the mercantile business continually from 1848 until 1887. Both at Stoughton and Menominee his store was one of the most extensive and his stock the largest in those places. After coming to Spencer he purchased the elevator of Bender Bros., and has since that time engaged in the grain, stock and coal trade. Mr. Flint was united in marriage to Miss Emma Parker in September, 1865. They have three children, Ernest P., Hattie and Jessie. Mr. Flint is a successful business man and a pleasant and affable gentleman.

Floete Franklin, dealer in lumber, paint, etc., Main, boards on Grove.

Was born in Guttenberg, Iowa, April 6th, 1855. His primary education was received in the public schools of that place. He then entered the Kentucky State University at Lexington, where he spent several terms. After leaving the University he went to work in Staurer, Daubenberger & Co.'s saw mill, where he worked until that firm opened a branch establishment at Spencer in 1878, when Mr. Floete was placed in charge and so remained until 1885, when he purchased it of them and has since owned and controlled it. During the past ten years the lumber interests have been of great magnitude in this county. The new settlers and new business houses to be built created a large demand or lumber. It was both a question of quality and price that the purchasers always took into consideration when they went to the yards to make their selections. That Mr. Floete received a large portion of the trade is conclusive that his lumber was good in quality and low in price. His opportunities for buying are good, and the abundant room he has affords him extensive facilities for shedding dry lumber and shingles, which he carries in large quantities. His trade is widening each year, and extends in every direction. He is a conscientious and practical business man, and has attained a degree of prominence in business circles by his industry, perseverance and integrity. He is a most pleasant man to deal with, and has the faculty when once he secures a customer he is sure to retain him. Mr. Floete has identified himself with a number of important enterprises, among them being the large public hall at the corner of Second and Main streets. For a number of years Spencer was sadly in need of a building of sufficient dimensions to accommodate a general public gathering, but no one seemed willing to invest his money in such a building as would be required. At last Mr. Floete and P. E. Randall undertook the enterprise and erected a building sufficiently large to accommodate a thousand persons. They erected a stage and purchased the necessary amount of stage scenery required in a majority of plays. This enterprise has been a profitable investment. Mr. Floete was secretary of the Iowa & Montana Live Stock Company, and connected with various local organizations. He always has an eye to business, and devotes himself assiduously to it. He watches the markets closely, and is ready and prompt to take advantage of them. For a young man he has been very successful. He has everything in the lumber line, either hard or soft, dressed or undressed, paints, oil, building paper, pitch, in fact everything to be found in any lumber yard.

Fowler Wm, Sr, brick mfr, m 4, West Side.
Fowler Wm, Jr, brick mfr, m 3, West Side.
Fowler M H, brick mfr, m 3, West Side.
Frain A K, physician, m 5, Main.
Francis J E, railroad contractor, s, Earling Hotel.
Francis Mrs Maggie, m 4, East Third.

Frees Wm, billiard hall, Main, res Fourth.

Was born in Germany, March 22, 1848, and came to America in 1869. Previous to coming to this country he had spent several years in the study of music, and when he came to the United States and located in Chicago he taught it for some time. He then went to Aurora, and worked at the barber trade, and from there he moved to Leroy, where he lived two years, and then came to Spencer. He opened a barber shop, which he run for about ten years, and then commenced his present business, which he has conducted for ten years. He was married in 1879 to Miss Sarah Roth. They have two children, Mabel and Elsie.

Frudley Fred, gardener, s, East Side.
Garfield Mrs, widow, South Grove.
Garfield Miss Mary, teacher, South Grove.
Gallup W N, gardener, s, a 6, West Side.
Geip J W, carpenter, m, 3.
Gifford James, mason, m 12, East River.
Gifford Frank, printer, m 3, Main.
Gifford H, mason, m 3.

Gillespie Samuel, of the firm of S S Biksen & Co., dealers in boots and shoes, Main, res Second.

Mr. G. was born on the 17th day of January, 1843, at La Fayette, Indiana, where he lived until 1868, attending a greater part of this time the public schools of La Fayette and the Indiana State University at Bloomington. He also taught several terms of school in that State. In the spring of 1869 he went to California, where he remained two years, teaching. In 1871 he came to Clay county and located at Peterson, and purchased an interest in the Clay County News, and for seven years devoted himself to journalism. He was elected Superintendent of Schools in 1877 and again in 1879. He proved to be a most efficient officer, and under his administration the schools of the county flourished and rose to a degree of proficiency that they had never before attained. He was diligent and ever on the alert to promote the best interests of every school in the county. Upon the expiration of his term of office he purchased an interest in S. S. Biksen's boot and shoe store, and has spent a greater part of his time and attention to this business. He has, however, since his connection with trade, devoted considerable time to journalist work, having at various times performed editorial work on the Clay County News. Mr. G. is not only a gentle-

man of fine educational attainments, but an easy and ready writer. He is a close observer of affairs, a liberal reader, a logical reasoner, and his editorials have been marked as instructive, concise and for their finish. Mr. Gillespie served as Mayor of Spencer one term, and was a most capable and efficient officer. He was married in 1877 to Miss Lizzie Goss. They have one child, Leigh.

Ginger J A, laborer, m 7.
Givens David, laborer, m 4, Main.
Glover Henry, book-keeper, s, West Fifth.
Glover H G, mason, m 3, West Fifth.
Goble Mrs Susan, m 6, South Grove.
Goodell A J, mail agent, m 4, Main.

Goodell A H, of the firm of Cruver & Goodell, general merchants, Main, res East Second.

Was born in Piscatqua, N. Y., July 3d, 1839. He lived in that State until 1859, when he went to Massachusetts, where he remained three years, when he moved to Waukesha county, Wisconsin. During the eleven years that he lived in Wisconsin he was engaged in farming. He then removed to Renville county, Minnesota, where he stayed two and one-half years, and then removed to Markham, in Fond du Lac county, and in 1880 came to Clay county, and located in Gillett's Grove township, where for five years he tilled the soil in that productive township. He disposed of his farm in 1885, and came to Spencer, purchasing T. B. Horton's interest in the general store. Since that date he has been engaged in the mercantile business with Mr. Cruver. Mr. Goodell's failing health prevented him from farming, and yet keeps him confined to his home at times. He was married first in 1861, and the second time in 1871. He has two children, Hattie being his daughter by his first marriage, and Nellie by his second marriage.

Gould A, laborer, m 2.
Gould B, teacher.
Gray E H, butcher, m 3, South Main.
Green C E, clerk, m 2.
Green Frank, farmer, m 5, North Prairie.

Green Henry, railroad contractor, res Second.

Was born in Steuben county, New York, October 15th, 1837, and lived in that State until he was thirteen, when his parents came to Illinois and settled near Chicago, where they lived for two years. In 1852 they moved to Iowa, and located in Allamakee county, where they stayed four years, and then removed to Decorah. Mr. Green engaged in the hotel business and farming until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted as a private in Co. D, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. This regiment was assigned first to the Department of the Missouri, and subsequently to the Army of the Tennessee, and took part in the battle of Shiloh and the siege of Vicksburg. In 1863 his term of service expired, and he was mustered out as corporal of his company. Upon his return to Iowa he im-

mediately recruited a company and tendered its service to the country, but owing to Iowa's quota being filled it was declined. He then went to Boscobel, Wis., where he assisted in forming a company, and in February, 1864, it was mustered in, with Mr. Green as third sergeant, as Co. D, Forty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. For strict attention to duty and soldierly qualities he was advanced to First Sergeant, and ultimately was promoted to First Lieutenant. After serving faithfully for some time with his company, he was detailed and placed in charge of the military prison at Rolla, Missouri. He was honorably discharged in 1865, and upon returning to Iowa he went to Waukon, where he lived one year, and then removed to near Decorah, where he engaged in farming until 1872, when he came to Clay county, and took up a homestead under an act of Congress giving soldiers the opportunity to secure homes. He located in what is now known as Lake, then a part of Bridgewater township. Here he resided until 1880, when he came to Spencer. During his residence in that township he held the office of Secretary of the District School Board, and was Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He was Marshal and Street Commissioner of Spencer, and was Deputy United States Marshal for a number of years. Of late years he has been engaged in railroad contracting. He was married in 1856 to Miss Elmira Green. They have one child, Frank.

Green M S, merchant, m 5, Third.

Green S J, painter, res cor Second and Mills.

He was born in Whiting, Addison county, Vermont, November 7th, 1847, but when quite youthful immigrated with his parents to Burnett, Dodge county, Wisconsin, then only a territory. His father being a farmer, S. J. worked on the farm until he reached the age of seventeen, when he went to Oshkosh, where he learned the painter's trade, and worked at it for five years in Oshkosh. He then returned to Burnett, where shortly afterwards he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, and held that position for two terms. When the term of his appointment expired he went back to his trade, and remained in Burnett for two years. He then went to work for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company in their painting department, and was thus employed for some time. From there he moved to Lake Oconowoc, a pleasure resort, where he worked two years, and from there came to Spencer and located and pursued his trade. He owns a comfortable and well arranged dwelling, in which he lives, some town property and lots. He has the management of the advertisement department of the Spencer Opera House. He is a Democrat in politics, and has several times been a candidate for office on that ticket. He was married in 1869, to Miss Estella Cole. They have one child, Nellie.

Greenslit N E, drayman, m 7, Water.

Griffin Mrs, widow, East Third.

Griffin M E, banker, s, boards at Earling Hotel.

(See biography elsewhere.)

Griffin Adam, res East First.

Was born in Providence township, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, July 28th, 1824, and in 1847 immigrated to Janesville, Rock county, Wisconsin,

where he lived for thirty-three years. During his residence in Rock county he was principally engaged in farming. He held the office of Deputy Sheriff there for two years. In 1880 he came to this county, and for a number of years engaged in farming. He held the office of Trustee of Spencer township for four years, was also Street Commissioner of Spencer. He was married in 1854 to Miss E. M. Kilmer. There were born to them six children, and now but two are living, viz., George, who is at present employed on the Daily Press at Sioux Falls, and Grace, now Mrs. Gifford.

Hagerty Mrs Fannie, deputy recorder, w 4, cor First and State.
Hamburg Gus, laborer, m 6.
Hamburg Frank, barber, s.
Hammond H G, miller, m 6, East Side.
Hansen H P, laborer, m 2, North Side.
Hansen Herman, carpenter, m 2, North Side.
Hansen ———, carpenter, m 3, North Side.
Hansen Mrs, w 3, North Side.
Hansen Henry, clerk, m 6.
Hardin A G, merchant and auctioneer, m 5, Fourth.
Harris Ira, farmer, m 9, South Side.

Hastings H H A, of Hughes & Hastings, attorneys at law, residence cor Pine and State.

Born in Broome county, Providence of Quebec, Canada, on the 18th day of December, 1862. He remained in that Dominion until he reached the age of nineteen, when a determination seized him to visit America. After arriving across the border line he went to Danville, Ill., where he stayed a few months. After drifting around some time he arrived in Spencer on the 18th day of May, 1883. He was veritably a stranger in a strange land, to fame and fortune unknown, seeking employment and perhaps a home; not being bountifully supplied with ready cash, he sought and obtained employment as a farm hand during the summer and taught school in the winter. This he repeated for five years. His ambition was to enter the legal profession, but how was the question. There were many obstacles in the way. But the determination was firmly fixed in his mind and he resolved to surmount every barrier and reach the goal of his ambition. Every leisure hour and minute he spent during those five long years in study and preparation. During the pleasant winter evenings he came to Spencer—his school being in the country—and burnt the midnight oil in pondering over law books. In May, 1888, the object for which he sought was reached and he was permitted to practice. His indomitable pluck and fixedness of purpose are evidences of what can be accomplished by a strong and determined mind. He began at the lowest round of the ladder, without money or influence, and by his natural ability and a large stock of energy and perse-

verance has won a place in the ranks of his profession. Although he has practiced less than two years he has made for himself a reputation of being well versed in law, possessing a clear, cool head and a lawyer whose judgment can be relied upon. On January 1st, 1889, he formed a partnership with E. C. Hughes. He was married to Miss Minnie Davis in April, 1889.

Haupt M J, conductor C, M & St P, m 5, Second.

Hayes F L, farmer, nw ¼ sec 5, 168–80, p o Spencer.

Was born in New York in 1841, came to Clay in 1871. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in Co. F, 157th N. Y. Vol. Inf'ty, and served three years, and was discharged as Sergeant of his company. Mrs. Hayes died a few years ago. He has seven children, Dora, Mary, Levi, Athol, Adelbert and Grace.

Haynes Mrs A E, milliner, w 4, res cor Fourth and State.

Hewitt J L, m 10, a 640, West Seventh.

Hewling S A, dealer in groceries, Main, res Fourth.

Was born in Porter county, Indiana, September 4th, 1848, where he lived until eight years old, when, with his mother, he moved to Champaign county, Ohio, where he lived until the fall of 1865. That year he removed to Fayette county, Iowa, and remained there until 1868, when he again changed his residence, this time to Manchester. He lived in Manchester until his removal to Clay county in 1886. From 1868 until 1888 he was a commercial traveler. He represented some of the largest wholesale and manufacturing establishments of farm machinery in the east. That he was a good salesman, and gave satisfaction to his employers, is attested by the fact that his services were in constant demand. After establishing his family on a large farm he owned just west of Spencer, he continued to travel, but at intervals would return home to see that his farming was being properly conducted. In fact, though absent, the farming was done under his direction. After twenty years of service on the road, he at last decided to retire from it, and therefore moved his family to Spencer and opened a grocery store on Main street. He has succeeded in establishing a good trade, and his business is constantly growing. He has a convenient store room, and displays a fine and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries. He makes a specialty of fresh goods of an excellent quality. He is a liberal and accommodating merchant. He was married in 1869 to Miss Addie Wells, the first white child born in Fayette county. They have two children, David E. and Mabelle.

Hendrickson B, carpenter, m 2.

Higley E B, dealer in produce, m 2, North Side.

Hines M M, stock dealer, res East Second.

Was born in Livingston county, Illinois, December 26th, 1856, where he lived on a farm until 1882, when he decided to come to Spencer and locate. Soon after coming here he formed a partnership with H. Williams, and since that time he has been actively engaged in the live stock and shipping business. The firm of Williams & Hines has carried quite an extensive stock trade. He

is an active Democrat, and has held the position of chairman of the county Democratic Central Committee for several years. In December, 1886, he was married to Mary Patton. They have one child, Margie.

Hirleman J F, of Albee & Hirleman, Main, res Fourth.

Was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, August 28th, 1861, where he lived until nearly three years old, when with his parents he moved to Waverly, Bremer county, Iowa, and there remained until 1883, when he came to Spencer. For three years he was in the employ of M. P. W. Albee, now his partner. In 1886 he went to Tripoli, and until November, 1887, engaged in business for himself, conducting a store. During that month he sold out and returned to Spencer, and in January, 1888, purchased an interest in the general store of M. P. W. Albee. On October 31st of the present year he was married to Miss Mattie E. Wyatt, of this county. Mr. Hirleman is a young man possessed of sterling qualities, a stirring business man, a thorough merchant, and one who interests himself in every cause that will benefit and raise the moral condition of men. He is captain of the Sons of Veterans, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and actively identified with the Sunday School. He is one of the rising young men of Spencer.

Hitchcock S, farmer, m 2, a 80, sec 6, p o Spencer.
Hockett Ezra, laborer, m 5, East Fourth.
Hodges M C, agent, m 2, North Side.

Hodgin Al, livery stable, Main.

Is one of the few men who thoroughly understand the livery business, and knows how to run one successfully. For a great many years he has made this his avocation, and consequently has come to understand it in every sense. His teams are first class and have good drivers. His buggies are neat and new, and in fact everything pertaining to his stable is kept in a neat and attractive manner. Himself a genial gentleman, and ever ready to accommodate his patrons, it is not strikingly strange that he has established a most excellent business. His stable is located on Main street, near the Earling Hotel, and is easy of access.

Hodgin Oscar, horse dealer, m 3, West Side.
Hoffman H D, dealer in pumps and wells, m 3, East Second.
Hollenbeck J E, carpenter, m 3, South Side.
Hollister G H, carpenter, m 3.
Holmes John M, carpenter, m 6, West Fourth.
Holt Charles, clerk, m 3, South Main.
Horner I C, carpenter, m 4, West Side.

Hubbard Ackley, furniture, Main, res East Third.

Came to Spencer in 1871. He was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, in 1849, and lived there until he reached the age of eighteen, when with his parents he moved to Monroe county, where he lived for about one and one-half years. He then removed to Clay county, and settled on a homestead and

engaged in farming. Subsequently he came to Spencer, and went into the cabinet trade, at which he had worked previous to coming to this State. He received his education in the common schools of New York. Being possessed of more than ordinary natutal ability, and being a great reader and a close and keen observer, the early schooling he received served him as the foundation for a deeper, broader and more practical education than he could have received in the classic colleges of the day. Although but a resident of the county less than three years, he was, in the fall of 1872, elected to the responsible office of Clerk of the Courts, a position he filled so satisfactorily that he was re-elected. During his incumbency he devoted himself to the study of law. Being an apt and close student, and as a Clerk of the Courts familiar with the practice, he soon mastered the necessary studies, and after a careful examination was admitted as an attorney in 1876. As soon as his term of office expired, he opened an office and began to practice. But so signally satisfactorily had he filled the office of Clerk that in 1877 he was called to the office of Auditor, which he held two years, declining a second term. At the expiration of his Auditorship, he again devoted his attention to his legal business, which while holding office had gradually grown, although unsolicited. In 1878 he formed a partnership with F. C. Danforth, and the firm enjoyed a good practice. In 1879, in company with Mr. Lovewell, he purchased forty acres of land adjoining the original town plat on the west, and at once laid it out in lots, and placed them on the market. There was a great demand for them, and in a short space this forty-acre lot was covered with some of the finest residences in the place. This addition is known as Lovewell & Hubbard's addition to Spencer. Upon the retirement of Mr. Danforth, Mr. E. C. Hughes was admitted as a partner, and their practice became remunerative and extended. In 1884, owing to failing eyesight, Mr. Hubbard was compelled to retire from the practice of law. Previous to his retirement, however, he had formed a partnership with A. Woodruff in the furniture business, and as soon as he disposed of his interest in the legal line, he at once devoted all his time and attention to the furniture trade, with which he was thoroughly conversant. As a lawyer Mr. Hubbard was eminently successful. He had an excellent knowledge of the law and its applicability. He had quick, analytic perception, strong logical powers, and a tenacious memory. As a pleader he was plain, terse and forcible. But for a misfortune he would have risen to a high rank in his profession. He is in the strictest sense a practical business man, and is now giving the same undivided attention to his furniture business that he gave to the legal profession, and has an established trade second to none in the Northwest. He has a large and complete line of furniture, carpets, organs, pianos, paintings, coffins, and, in fact, everything found in any first class metropolitan establishment. The handsome parlor and chamber sets, elegant divans, large easy chairs, portierres, musical instruments, window shades in endless varieties, substantial woven carpets, fine tapestry, body and moquette carpets are the wonder and admiration of the ladies and those who have an eye for the beautiful. His large two-story building is literally packed with these articles of comfort and ease. It is an hour well spent to go through this large establishment, and view the many articles of art, as well as the more substantial and necessary articles needed in every household. Mr. Hubbard has been able

to outstrip his competitors in the numbers of his sales, because his prices were far lower. This is due to the fact that he purchases his goods in carload lots, and therefore buys them cheaper. The customer consequently gets the benefit of this. He is a prudent and sagacious buyer, watches the market closely, and is quick to take advantage of bargains. His undertaking department is quite extensive. A full line of caskets are always kept on hand. Mr. Hubbard has devoted considerable time and attention to mastering the art of embalming, and has learned a method which is pronounced by professionals as being the nearest to perfection in existence. Mr. H. has been a prominent and influential citizen of Spencer since his first arrival here. He has a reputation for uprightness, integrity and square and honorable dealing by all who know him. He has the entire confidence of the public, and no man in Spencer stands higher in morals, honesty and liberality than Ackley Hubbard. Besides holding the county offices which have been previously mentioned, he was School Director for a number of years, at the head of a number of secret organizations, vice president of the State Undertakers' Association, and an officer in so many other organizations that space forbids further mention. He is generous, enterprising, and ever willing to aid in every just and meritorious movement. He was married in 1872 to Miss Martha Hunt, who has been a valuable assistant. There have been four children born to them, Alice E., Flossie and Henry A. George A., the eldest, died in 1880.

Hughes E C, of the firm of Hughes & Hastings, attorneys at law, office over Clay County Bank, res Fourth.

Was born in Columbia county, Penn., Aug. 25th, 1855. Upon arriving at the proper age he attended the common schools of that state and subsequently laid the foundation of a very fine education in the preparatory department of the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg. In 1870, his parents moved to Lee county, Illinois, and for three or four years he worked on a farm in the summer and taught school in the winter, until he had acquired sufficient means to carry him through college. In the fall of 1874 he entered Carthage College, and selected a classical course. He pursued his studies so arduously that every year he stood at the head of his class, and finally graduated with the highest honors, having upon his merit deservedly won the honor of valedictorian, having a standing in his studies that averaged over 99 per cent., a higher grade than that reached by any graduate of that college. During his attendance he won every prize and honor offered by the college. Soon after graduating he taught for a time in the High School at Dixon, Illinois. He then went to Wittenberg College, Springfield, where he pursued a post graduate course of one year. He then returned to Carthage and was tutor for a year in the Carthage College, and the next year was an instructor in the Mount Morris college. He early exhibited an aptitude for the legal profession and his education was largely shaped for that line of life's work. During the years that he taught his unoccupied time was spent in reading and preparing himself for the bar. At the close of the school year at Mt. Morris he entered the law offices of Judge Bardwell, of Dixon, Illinois, and his brother, Senator Hughes, of Pennsylvania. Deciding that the West presented more favorable opportunities for a young man

possessed of nerve and energy, he came to Iowa and for a brief time located at Sac City. At this place he passed a most rigid legal examination. The examining committee consisted of the following prominent state lawyers, viz: Judge Robinson, Senator Sutton and Fred. Lehman. That they reported favorably for his admission is sufficient evidence that he passed a most creditable examination and demonstrated his entire competency to practice in the courts of Iowa. After his admission to the bar he came to Peterson with the intention, in conjunction with his brother, Senator Hughes, to engage in banking, in connection with his legal business, but after a short stay abandoned the idea and came to Spencer and formed a partnership with Ackley Hubbard, one among the oldest practitioners in the county. Later he purchased Mr. Hubbard's interest and for a period was alone. In 1884, he was tendered the presidency of Carthage College, an institution noted for its prominence and power in educational work throughout the state of Illinois. This great honor he declined, because of his great desire to remain in the profession of his choice and in which he has won extraordinary success. In 1886, at the urgent request of his many friends in several counties, Mr. Hughes was a candidate before the judicial convention of that year for the nomination of District Judge. The convention was composed of the leading men of the Fourteenth Judicial District and was one of the most noteworthy and protracted ever held in the northwest. There were 72 delegates and five candidates. 323 ballots were taken before a selection was made. In every ballot, with the exception of the 323rd, Mr. Hughes led and only required three votes of receiving the nomination. But a combination was effected and another received the prize. Like Grant's followers at Chicago in 1880, his friends stuck by him to the last. Although a staunch and unflinching Republican, Mr. Hughes was appointed special district attorney under President Cleveland's administration to prosecute certain cases in behalf of the United States. Upon a change in the political administration he was again appointed by the Attorney General as special district attorney in a case which involves an immense amount of money—namely—to declare a forfeiture of the grant to the Sioux City & St. Paul Railway Company and recover back to the United States 21,000 acres of land in O'Brien and Dickinson counties which were patented to the state and now claimed. Recently, while in Washington on official business, upon motion of Solicitor General Jenks, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, an honor well bestowed. Mr. Hughes has held a number of local offices; has been a member of the School Board for a number of years and has manifested great interest in fostering and promoting this great bulwark of America's independence and pride. Mr. Hughes is a man of high standing at the bar, possessing a thorough knowledge of the law and peculiarly skilled as a pleader. He is an orator of considerable renown and possesses the faculty of winning a majority of the cases he undertakes. He is a man of broad and liberal views, sound judgment, having an intimate knowledge of the law, a wise counsellor and wields an influence both at the bar and in public and social circles. He was united in marriage in 1880 to Miss Emma De Hart, a graduate of Carthage College. Three children have been born to them, Howard, Helen and the baby, which died last July.

Imlay E H, faith cure physician, s, North Side.

Jackson Richard, restaurant, Main.

Was born in the year 1841 in Kildare, Ireland. When at the age of nine he came to America, and, after a brief stay in New York, moved to Green county, Wisconsin, where he lived until 1861. Enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment and served during the entire war. He lived at Eldora for a number of years and in 1878 came to Spencer.

Jacobs J, laborer, m 7.
Jacobs —, laborer, s.
Jensen —, laborer, m 9.
Jinks W W, feed and livery stable, m 8, East Side.
Jones W L, wagon maker, m 8, North Side.
Jones F H, railroad contractor, m 5, W Fourth.
Jones Wm, laborer, m 4.
Johnson John, laborer, m 2.
Johnson Jacob, laborer, s.
Johnson D H, laborer, m 4.
Johnson C F, laborer, m 4.
Johnson H, carpenter, m 5.
Johnson James, clerk at the Earling.
Johnson John E, laborer, m 4.
Johnson Andrew, laborer, m 5, cor Second and State.
Judson Mrs, w 3.
Keith ——, laborer, m 5.
Kettlewell H, m 5, Pine.
Kingon ——, m 5, se ¼ sec 5, p o Spencer.
Kirk Mrs, w 4.
Kirkpatrick D, railroad contractor, m 6, a 160, W Fourth.
Knight L P, farmer, m 10, a 160, W Fourth.
Knowles —, laborer, m 3.
Knudson James, tailor, m 4.
Knudson C, laborer, m 4.
Kress F P, gardener, m 4, E First.
Kruse Mrs Geo, m 2, cor Third and State.

Kunath H, jeweler, res W Second.

Was born in Ontonagon county, Michigan, Feb. 16th, 1857, and resided there until sixteen years of age, when he went to Detroit, where he lived one year. He then moved to the Calumet Mines, Houghton county. After living

there about a year he went to Austin, Minn., and from there to Minneapolis, where he learned the jeweler's trade, and remained in that city for four years. He then returned to Austin, and finally came to Spencer in 1882, where he has since resided and worked at his trade. His place of business is in Pember's drug store. Mr. Kunath is, by long experience and advantage, a first class workman. He has all the necessary tools and modern appliances for doing all kinds and classes of work. Thoroughly understanding his trade and admitting of no superiors in Spencer, he is prepared to do excellent and satisfactory work. He guarantees all his work. He was married in 1883 to Miss Lona Woodruff. They have two children, Laura and Sumner.

Landphere A, express wagon, m 2, W Second.

Larsen Gus, laborer, m 3, Grove.

Larsen Thos, laborer, m 3, W Seventh.

Larsen Louis, laborer, m 3.

Larsen Louis, laborer, m 5.

Larsen Mrs, w 3.

Leach Charles H, railroad contractor, m 5, E Second.

Leach Charles E, of Leach & Morrison, hardware merchants, Main, res Fifth.

Was born in Holyoke, Mass., July 6th, 1852. In 1854, with his parents, he moved to Lyndon, Wis., and in 1861 to New Lisbon. During the time he lived in the latter place he attended the public schools and subsequently became a clerk in a bank of that city. In 1875 he went to Vermillion, Dakota, where he accepted the position of book-keeper in one of the banks. In 1878 he came to Spencer and entered the hardware business with J. W. Snyder. Mr. Snyder subsequently sold his interest to Wm. Morrison, and the firm of Leach & Morrison was formed. Mr. Leach, in addition to attending school in New Lisbon, spent several terms at Beaver Dam, and also attended commercial college in Milwaukee. He is a young man, of great force of character, with a keen, practical turn of mind, unassuming in manner, but full of energy and business. He has been very successful in the hardware business. Mr. Leach has been married twice.

Lamar A F, book-keeper First National Bank, single, boards North Main.

Lemke Rev John, m 3, West Fourth.

Lewis J A, prop Gregory Hotel.

Lewis John B, City Marshal, res East River.

Was born in England, May 12th, 1847, and at the age of six came with his parents to America, and settled in Galena, where he remained until 1864, when he removed to Waverly, Iowa. He lived in this place until 1872, when he came to Clay county, and located on section 2 of Spencer township. He subsequently moved to Spencer. In 1883 he was chosen City Marshal, and served

one year. For a number of years he held a position at the C., M. & St. P. depot. Last spring he was again appointed City Marshal. He is also Deputy Sheriff. He was married in 1872 to Miss Chloe Kenyon. They have five children, George O., William H., Cora M., Frank E. and Hattie E.

Lincolh Mrs A, principal of private school, cor Fourth and Grove.

Lloyd Mrs, widow, 4, West Fourth.

Lonbeck John, laborer, m 2.

Long S E, laborer, widower, 3.

Long E S, laborer, s, First.

McAllister Charles, M. D., A. M., of McAllister & Crary, physicians and surgeons, office in McAllister's Building, Main, res East Third.

Was born in Lee, Massachusetts, February 1st, 1840. After attending the common schools of Lee he was enrolled as a student in the Stockbridge College for several years, and then entered Williams College, where he pursued a classical course, and graduated with honor. Upon the completion of his literary studies he attended a course of lectures at the Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass., and from which he graduated. He then entered the office of his uncle, Dr. Charles McAllister, then a noted physician of Stockbridge, where he remained some time, and then with his brother Dr. George McAllister, where he pursued his medical studies. He then came west and located, and for three years practiced his profession at Dixon, Ill. Failing health compelled him to forego his practice, and for the next three years he traveled in pursuit of restoration. During the year 1872 he came to Spencer and located, and at once began the practice of medicine. In 1877 he was elected a member of the Legislature and filled that responsible position with credit to himself and entire satisfaction to his large constituency. The doctor has held numerous other local positions of responsibility and trust, in all of which he has come up to the full measure of public expectation. He is a public-spirited man in all respects, popular with the public, held in high esteem by his fellows, and a generous and liberal citizen. He recently erected a block of buildings in Spencer, which is by far the handsomest, best arranged and most attractive of any in the town. It was built at a cost of not far from $30 000, and is located on the most desirable block for business purposes in Spencer. Dr. McAllister was married in 1869 to Miss Laura, adopted daughter of Dr. Charles McAllister, Sr. They have two children, Charles and Alexander.

McBride Robert, laborer, m 3.

McConnell A F, Justice of the Peace and insurance agent, office Main, m 6, a 160, Seventh.

McConnell John, clerk, m 4, a 80, Pine and Grove.

McCoy J C, mason, m 3–1, Grove.

McDonald Geo H, railroad contractor, m 4, a 160, Fourth.
McElhiney J L, agent, m 3, East Third.

McQueen Thos, of McQueen & Andrew, dealers in agricultural implements, coal and wood, Main, res West Third.

Was born in Paisley, Scotland, September 12th, 1841, and when quite young came with his parents to America, and located in Amsterdam, New York. His youthful days were spent in this ancient town, where he received his education. In the stirring year of 1861 he moved to Wilmington, and when the call of President Lincoln was made for 600,000 strong and true men to come to the defense of the nation, Mr. McQueen was among the first in Wilmington to respond. He enlisted in Co. A, One Hundredth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and as soon as the regiment was mustered in it was immediately sent south, and at once was placed in active service. With his regiment he was in a large number of engagements, and his soldier's career was closed in that memorable and bloody battle of Chickamauga, where the Union forces under General Rosecrans were defeated by the Confederates under Bragg. Here Mr. McQueen received two wounds, one on the left side, and the other in the left thigh. After remaining some time in the hospital, and partially recovering from his wounds, the surgeons pronounced him incapacitated for active service, and he was therefore honorably discharged. Upon receiving it he returned to his home near Wilmington, where after recovering as far as possible from the wounds received he commenced farming and engaged in that occupation until 1872, when he disposed of the farm and removed to Wilmington, where he opened a grocery store, and for eleven years carried on that line of trade. In 1883 he disposed of his store, and decided to come west. In looking up a location he visited Spencer, and was so favorably impressed with its advantages and opportunities that he decided to locate here. In company with J. M. Watson, he opened a grocery and boot and shoe store on Main street, where he continued until January 12th, 1888, when he sold his interest to his partner, and shortly after formed a partnership with George Andrew, and commenced the agricultural implement, coal and wood trade. Mr. McQueen has been very fortunate in his business transactions, and is a shrewd, far-seeing and methodical business man. He owns 160 acres of farm land, 30 of which is under cultivation, the store building occupied by J. M. Watson, a half interest in the implement establishment of McQueen & Andrew, a neat and cosy residence, besides other property. He served three years as a member of the City Council, and proved himself to be a careful and efficient official, ever watchful of the town's interests. He is one of the oldest members of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, having joined that organization in Illinois when in its infancy. He takes just pride in this grand association, which is composed of men who were true as steel, noble in their self-sacrifice, and who dared brave the bullets of an enemy whose object was to destroy and rend asunder this grand and great nation. He was married in 1870 to Miss Helen A. Corbett, of Wilmington, Illinois, who was the first child born after the city of Wilmington was incorporated.

Mack Squire, laborer, res cor First and State.
Mack Allen, liveryman, m 4, Main.

.Madden P W, Sheriff, res Second.

Was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, February 4th, 1845. When only four years old his father died, leaving his mother with but little of this world's goods. He thus early learned to be self-reliant and to depend upon his own exertions. As soon as he had accumulated a few more years he was compelled to labor, and what education he received was necessarily limited. But what little he acquired he has greatly increased by his acute observation in his contact with the busy, bustling world. He was industrious and ambitious, and is in every sense a self-made man. His early struggles often seemed more than he could bear, but possessing an unflagging determination, it enabled him to conquer. In 1856 he and his mother moved to Mahaska county, and resided there two years, when they went to Des Moines. After living there some four years Mr. Madden, in the spring of 1862, enlisted in Co. B, Fifteenth United States Infantry. When enrolled he was but seventeen years of age, but large for his age, and determined to "go to the front," he managed to deceive the recruiting officer as to the date of his birth. He served three years, and upon receiving his discharge as corporal he worked on a farm for about three years, and then commenced farming for himself. In 1871 he came to Clay and took a homestead in Lincoln township, where he resided until elected Sheriff in 1881, which office he has held ever since and is the present incumbent. Mr. Madden is a stirring, energetic, liberal-minded man; is a good citizen, a splendid officer and popular man and official, few men having more warm friends. He was married in 1868 to Miss Abbie Hackett. They have a large family.

Mann Geo, insurance agent, m 10, a 160, North Side.
Mann Isaac, laborer, m 2.
Martin E J, laborer, m 2, South Side.
Martesen A, laborer, m 4.
Masterman J M, carpenter, s, W Second.
Mather L P, laborer, m 4, cor First and State.

Maurer Frank, of Skinner & Maurer, Fourth.

Was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, July 9th, 1860, where he lived until 1878, when he came to Clay county. After arriving here he engaged in railroading for a year or more in Iowa and Dakota. He then returned home and remained on the farm for several years and then came to Spencer and entered into partnership with C. Skinner. Mr. Maurer, not unlike his partner, has been a keen observer of the workings of machinery, and, possessing a mind of the inventive order, has constructed and patented a machine for pressing hay. His first patent was received August 12th, 1884, and on July 9th, 1889, he received his second patent, or improvement on the original. This machine is deserving of a short description, as it is destined to prove a most practical and useful one. While to some extent similar to other hay presses, it yet possesses

a number of advantages which makes it superior to any other. It has one-third more power than any other machine and it is so equalized that there is as much force used in binding a small quantity as a large one, consequently there is less danger in breaking any part of the press, as the force is uniform. The machine is so constructed, that, in the matter of feeding alone, only one-half the amount of labor is required to keep it supplied that is needed in other makes, and yet it will press one-third more hay in a day than any other machine now in use of similar capacity. It not only regulates the length of the bales of hay, but drops the division board while the machine is in motion. All this is done automatically, thus saving both time and labor. Mr. Maurer has now in process of construction an attachment to the press, in the form of a self-binder, which will tie the bales as they pass through. When completed, it will not only be novel, but a great labor-saving machine. In the matters of the division board and the wire tieing attachment, there will be a saving of from 15 to 25 cents on every ton of hay baled over any other machine made. It can be practically summed up in brief as follows: The hay is put in loose and comes out pressed and tied ready for shipment. Messrs. Skinner & Maurer are now manufacturing a number of these machines for which there is a lively demand.

Maurer Joseph, farmer, res sec 23, a 640-250.

Was born in Bavaria in 1816, where he lived until he was thirty-two years of age, when he came to the United States and for a short time lived at Buffalo, but finally went to Potosi, Grant county, Wisconsin, and settled. For fifteen years he was engaged in lime burning, but subsequently went to farming. In 1878 he moved to Clay county and has since that period employed his time in farming. In 1887 he leased the land known as the "Hewitt Farm," which is one of the finest farms in Riverton township. Mr. Maurer has handled this place with remarkable success. He is a good and careful farmer and few in the county can show a better record during the past two years. He was married first in 1842, and again in 1866. He has ten children.

Medlar Frank W, photographer, Main.

Was born in Woodstock, Ill., December 28th, 1865, and remained in that thriving place until 1887, when he came to Spencer and located. He first commenced to learn the art of photography in 1881, and has since that year applied himself most assiduously. He has the reputation of being a most energetic photographer, and his gallery is supplied with all the necessary modern appliances known to the art. He is prepared to do all kinds of work. His photographs indicate skill, taste and high art. His specialties are large, direct heads, cabinet size photographs and views. He has a splendid established business which is constantly growing. His patrons are not confined to Clay county, but spreads beyond the confines of county lines.

Meikle Ernest, of the firm of J W Stebbings & Co, Main.

Was born in Pecatonia, Ill., Nov. 20th, 1865. His parents, however, moved to Rockford, Ill., where he spent the greater part of his life. He received a good education in the schools of Rockford, and nine years ago

entered a hardware store of that city and has been continuously in that line of trade since that date. He has thoroughly mastered the business and is not only an excellent salesman but a careful and popular business man. In 1889 he came to Spencer and formed a partnership with J. W. Stebbings. By his strict attention to business and general demeanor he has made many warm friends.

Merritt J, merchant, m 3, N Main.

Merritt C J, merchant, m 3, Fourth.

Merritt Henry, printer, m 2, N Main.

Meyerdirk I, m 3.

Miller A W, president First National Bank.

(See biography on another page.)

Miller George W, merchant, Main.

Was born in Monroe county, Wisconsin, Feb. 22nd, 1856, where he lived ten years and then removed to Black River Falls, Wis., where he remained eight years. He attended school both in Monroe county and at Black River Falls, and at the latter place was book keeper in an establishment. In 1878 he went to Chicago and held the position of book-keeper in Keith Bro's. mammoth store for three years. In the fall of 1881 he came to Spencer and opened a clothing store, which he has since conducted. In 1884 he extended his business by adding to it a line of dry goods. He now has the largest establishment in the city. The store embraces a large double building connected by an archway. In one is the large and complete line of dry goods, millinery, ladies' furnishings, cloaks and domestic goods. In the other room is the clothing department which consists of clothing, hats, caps, shirts, gloves and gents' furnishings. Any reference made to the dry goods houses of Spencer must include the establishment of G. W. Miller, which, from its magnitude and general influence upon the interest of the community, entitles it to more than ordinary consideration. For six years it has been the leading dry goods establishment and has grown in favor and prominence. The dry goods department consists of the usual variety found in a first class dry goods house and the display shows good taste and judgment in their selection. Everything from the costly silks to the coarse domestics is found in endless variety and quantity. In addition to the dry goods there is every article of female wearing apparel from the handsome plush cloak to the most necessary of articles. In connection, or in an annex to this department they have a millinery department where the loveliest and most stylish hats and bonnets are displayed. This branch of the establishment is presided over by a connoisseur in the beautifying art. In this line they enjoy a handsome trade. As you pass through the archway, you behold stacks upon stacks of clothing of every weight, color and style. If you want a working jacket or suit of cottonades, here they are in endless numbers, or if you prefer something a little more durable and a better quality, you step a little farther on where you find an immense pile of them. If its a dress suit you are searching for you cannot fail to find something that will suit you, for they carry in stock everything including broadcloths, beavers, worsted, diagonals and all wool

suits. The hat and cap line could not have been selected with more care or with a better view to being fashionable and suiting the trade. The rare good taste used in making his purchases is shown in the display of the elegant line of neckwear which is seldom seen in any gents' furnishing store. Then there is the underwear, shirts, collars and cuffs in endless styles. The line of overcoats carried by this firm is simply immense and selected with a view to sell.

Mr. Miller is a young man of fine business qualifications and has built up a trade from a small beginning to one of large proportions. His success has been attained by fair dealing, good goods and low prices. Mr. Miller is a thorough merchant, always on the alert, a close and careful buyer and understanding the demands of his customers. That he has succeeded and has a business that other merchants may well covet, is due to the fact that he has never been idle but always diligent and ever anxious to please his patrons.

He was married in 1882 to Miss Hattie Thomas of Chicago, who has been an able assistant in the dry goods department.

Miller Thos, laborer, m 6.
Miller ——, laborer, m 2.
Miller Mrs, boarding house, w, W Third.
Miller Joseph, U S mail agent, W Third.
Miner A H, mason, 45 W First.
Moerke John, laborer, m 7, East Seventh.
Moerke A, baggageman at C, M & St P depot.

Moody Alfred J, miller, Main, s.

Was born in the northern clime of Norway in the year 1854, and came to America in 1881, and, upon landing in New York, at once came to Clay county and settled on a farm near Peterson. In 1883 he came to Spencer, and recently has engaged in the feed mill business and handles the steam feeder and cooker. His feed mill is well supplied with all kinds of machinery and Mr. Moody is a careful and painstaking miller. He has spent some years at the business and possesses a general knowledge of the trade. His specialties, however, are the Martin & Reinholdt Steam Feed and Cooker, for which he is agent. A description of this important and helpful machine will not be amiss. It was patented Aug. 7, 1888, and is certainly practical, convenient and economical and takes rank as one of the superior cookers made. It is constructed of heavy boiler sheet-steel and cast iron, and is put together as well as locomotive boilers; will last a life time; no danger of explosion or leakage as it is double riveted and extra bolted—having few joints and using the best brands of Asbestos packing, there is no possible chance for leakage. The water being all around the fire and the fire being all around the water (which no other steamer has) preserves the steamer.

This steam feed cooker carries water enough to cook three barrels of food; is easily and quickly filled, gets up steam in fifteen minutes, cooks a barrel of feed in twenty minutes, will cook a large or small quantity of any kind of food.

It is more economical, however, to cook large quantities as the steam is conveyed to the bottom of the barrel or box, and naturally rises, and as it rises, it cooks. It can be used for cooking feed and warming water at the same time; in fact it can be used for many purposes; viz: Cooking food and warming water for stock, heating water for scalding hogs, cooking any kind of vegetables for table use, making soap, washing clothes, etc. It is an excellent clothes washer, being so simple and easy to operate that a child ten years old can handle it. It requires no time only to fill with water and build a fire. It is perfectly safe, as no sparks can escape from it, and is perfectly safe to use in any barnyard. A farmer cannot in justice to himself do without one of the steamers. By using them and cooking the feed he can get far more milk from his cows and make far more butter by using steamed feed than he can without. The price of a steamer is simply nothing when one considers the benefit they derive from it, as they come in good use the year round. Call on Mr. Moody and see one of them work.

Morgan E G Jr, res Second.

Was born at Fort Dodge, Sept. 16th, 1858, and remained in that city until 1878, when he went to Des Moines and held the position of assistant secretary of the State Railroad Commission. On May 30th, 1881, he came to Spencer and accepted the position of book-keeper in the banking house of Griffin & Adams, and has held that position ever since. Mr. Morgan is a splendid accountant, a thorough master of book-keeping, banking, insurance and the abstracting business. He was married in 1886 to Miss Lillie D. Felker. They have one child, Cora Louise. Mr. Morgan is the owner of 1,000 acres of excellent farm land.

Morey W H, dealer in hay, m 9–2, Pine.

Morrison Wm, of Leach & Morrison, hardware, res Fourth.

Was born in Ontario county, New York, May 22d, 1835, where he lived until 1856, when he went to Juneau county, Wisconsin, where he learned the trade of tinsmith. He lived in New Lisbon, and for fourteen years he worked at his trade in that city. He then moved to Vermillion, Dakota, where for nine years he was engaged in business. In the year 1879 he came to Spencer, and purchased an interest in the hardware store in which he is still interested with C. E. Leach. Mr. Morrison understands the hardware trade in all of its details, and is a thorough master of the business. He is one of the substantial men of Spencer, whose honesty and integrity is unquestioned, and whose social and business standing is of the highest order. He was married in 1855 to Miss Kate Hayward. They have one daughter, Fannie.

Morrison J S, m 6.

Mountford G B, music teacher, m 3, Second

Moyer Reuben, laborer, m 3.

Nell Mrs, widow, 1, South Side.

Negus M, express wagon, m, 10, South Side.

Noble T D, insurance agt, m, 6, First.
Nolen James, carpenter, m, 4, South Side.
Norton Mrs, widow, 3.

O'Donnell William, farmer, sec 12, Spencer.

Was born in Ireland in the year 1845, and came to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" in the year 1862. After remaining a short time in this country he went south, and was in the quartermaster's department of the Army of the Cumberland. In 1872 he came to Clay county, and located on his present home, east ½, southwest quarter, section 12, Spencer township, containing eighty acres of land, sixty of which is under cultivation. In 1873, he went to California, and remained there until 1876, when he returned to Clay county. In 1877 he went to Montana, and stayed nearly three years, when he again came back to Clay county. During the summers of 1886 and 1887 he was engaged in railroad contracting. He was married to Miss Margaret Mihigan in 1865. They have four children, William A., Jeremiah D., Terrence and Mary E.

Osborne Frank, postoffice clerk, m, 2, South.
Osborne John, carpenter, m, 8, River.
Osgerby George, laborer, single.
Painter D, druggist, m, 4–1, res Fourth.
Painter J F, County Surveyor, m, 3–1.

Paley G A, dealer in boots and shoes, Main, res East Second.

Was born in Columbus, Wisconsin, Sept. 22d, 1865, where he lived about two years. His parents then moved to Iowa, and stayed there until he was nine years old, when they moved to Shell Rock, Iowa. At the early age of twelve he began the trade of a shoemaker, and has continuously worked at it for the past twelve years. In February, 1887, he came to Spencer and opened a boot and shoe store, and has since conducted that line of trade. He is a thorough shoemaker, an excellent judge of leather, and carries a complete line of standard boots and shoes. His prices are low, and his goods warranted. He was married September 26th, 1888, to Miss May Sours, of Marble Rock.

Palmer George, laborer, single.

Palmer H S, hardware, res Fourth.

He was born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, January 26th, 1853, and lived in that county until 1872, when he came to Iowa. He clerked two years in a store in Independence, then was traveling representative for six years. After leaving the road he came to Spencer, and has engaged in the hardware trade since that period. He is a member of the firm of Palmer & Koch; was married in 1880 to Miss Jessie C. Older; have three children, Henry S., Jr., John W. and Louise B.

Palmquist Mrs Clara W, 5, Grove.

Parker A C, of Parker & Richardson, attorneys at law, office in McAllister block, res Second.

Was born in Grant county, Indiana, March 22d, 1853, and with his parents, in 1857, moved to Xenia, Miami county, Indiana, and then to Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1865. His early education was received in the public schools of Buchanan county, and supplemented by a most careful course of instruction under the tutelage of his brother, a prominent and well known educator. Having made the law his choice of professions, he entered the Iowa Law School, where he studiously emyloyed his time for two years, mastering the intricate points of the legal books, and storing his mind with the varied and multiplicity of rules of practice. After graduating with a marked degree of success, he entered the law office of Judge Nye, where he remained a year, perfecting and familiarizing himself with the practical workings of the law and the court. He then went to Oelwein, where he practiced his profession for a year, and then, June 10th, 1879, came to Spencer, and in company with A. R. Claxton, opened a law office. Mr. Claxton retired from the profession, and in 1882 Mr. Frank Richardson was admitted as a partner. Mr. Parker is a man of wonderful mental force, although physically being far from robust. He possesses in a large degree indomitable pluck, and is extremely tenacious of purpose. He is what is commonly denominated a legal fighter. He prepares his causes with scrupulous care, is cautious in every preparation, and then searches for the law and examines it most minutely, and selects that which has a direct and forcible bearing upon them. With all this labor, when his cases are called, he is fully and ably equipped for the legal contest. In the heat of the legal arena he is at his best. Possessing a striking familiarity with the law, and an excellent and retentive memory, he is ever ready to meet his opponent. He is a clear and logical speaker, rather crisp, hews straight to the line, and is not at all given to many words or rhetorical flourishes. He is a lawyer of conservative views, of sound judgment, and careful in giving a decision. These qualities have served him admirably, and have enabled him to gain the confidence of his clients, the esteem and respect of the court, and placed him in the front rank of his chosen profession. He has been the choice of a majority of the voters on several occasions for prominent and important legal offices; he has held the position of chairman of the Republican County Central Committee; has been a delegate to State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial and Representative conventions, and is now serving his second term as County Attorney, to which position he has been elected twice without opposition. Through a fixed purpose, a commendable ambition, and earnest endeavor, he has surmounted every obstacle, and attained that emblem of sturdy American manhood—honorable success. He is also in partnership, in the law business, at Spirit Lake, with George Funk. His practice extends almost all over the judicial district, and is extensive and remunerative. He has been the presiding officer of the Clay Chapter of the Masonic Order since its organization. He was married in 1881 to Miss Mary R. Johnson.

Parkins M, m 6.

Parnell Elmer E, barber, rooms under Clay County Bank, res East Fourth.

Mr. Parnell was born in Marshall county, of this State, in 1858, but removed with his parents to Missouri in 1865, where he remained until 1876, in Mercer county. That year he returned to Marshall county, and at Liscomb learned the barber trade. Subsequently he went to Eldora, where he worked for some time. Upon coming to Spencer he opened a shop, and afterwards built one on Third street, opposite the Commercial House. In 1885 he moved to his present location. His rooms are fitted up in excellent taste, and his chairs and other furniture are new, neat and bright. Mr. Parnell being himself a first-class barber, employs none but experienced help. He conducts his shop on metropolitan plans, and endeavors to please his customers. He was married in 1882 to Miss Edith H. Allen. They have one child, Bessie.

Parsons R, farmer, m 2, South Side.

Patterson J R, carpenter, m 4, North Side.

Patterson G W, lawyer, s, Main.

Paulsen H F, blacksmith, Main, res Fourth.

Was born in Denmark, June 23d, 1857, where he lived until his eighteenth year, having served an apprenticeship in a blacksmith shop. He then for three years traveled through Norway and Sweden, visiting all the important cities of those two countries, and then went to Germany, where he remained five years. During his stay there he attended the German school for some time, learning to speak and write that language. From Germany he went to England, where he stayed awhile, and then came to America. Since his arrival in this country he has been of quite a roving disposition, as the following places in which he has lived will indicate: Philadelphia; New York; Port Chester; Atchison and Logan, Kansas; Precept and Omaha, Nebraska; Leadville, Col.; Chicago; Little Rock, Ark.; Red Oak, Hartshon and Spencer, Iowa. In his wanderings he has generally worked at his trade, and has acquired by vast and varied experience a complete knowledge of the business. He is acknowledged to be a number one workman, and has built up a good trade. His maxim has been "good work and reasonable charges." By adhering strictly to this he has made many permanent customers since he opened his shop in 1883. Mr. Paulsen in his travels has mastered five different languages, which he finds quite beneficial to him in his business. He was married in 1884 to Miss Bertie Matson. They have three children, Mark G., Bessie L. and the baby. Mr. Paulsen employs two men as assistants in his blacksmithing work.

Peck Dr A L, dentist, office in McAllister Block.

Dr. Peck was born in Wisconsin in 1854, and when eleven years of age, with his parents, came to Iowa. He received his education in the common and high schools in the place in which he resided. Having a preference for dentistry he decided to make that his life's profession. He therefore entered the office of a prominent dentist, where he spent considerable time in study and getting a knowledge of the practical part of his chosen avocation. He afterward went

to Iowa City, where he took a course of lectures. Seven years ago he opened an office in Spencer, and has pursued his profession here and in adjoining towns from that date to this. He makes all kinds of gold and rubber plates, also a full or partial set of teeth without plates, in dental parlance called "Bridge Work." He uses either gold or porcelain for crowning roots. Teeth filled and saved after the most improved methods. He makes a specialty of extracting teeth without pain, and without the use of gas or cocoaine. He warrants all of his work to be first class in every particular.

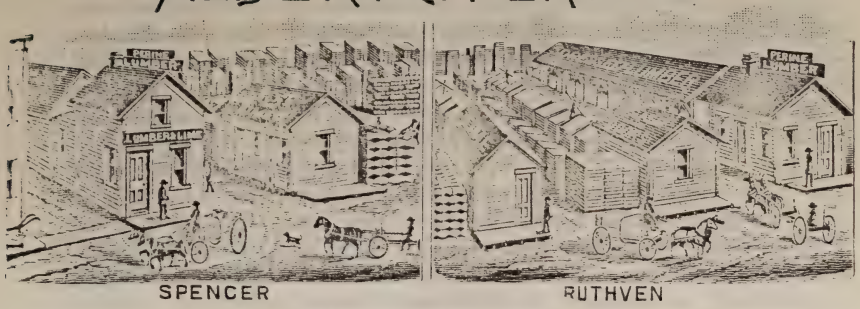
Pember H H, druggist, Main, res Fifth.

Was born near Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1860, where he resided until his removal to Iowa. His education was obtained in the Janesville schools and the Milton College, where he remained four years. Having decided upon following the trade of a druggist he went to Chicago, where he entered a school of pharmacy and prepared himself for active business. In 1883 he came to Spencer and clerked for McDonald & Co., and subsequently for David Painter for several years, terminating in purchasing an interest in the latter's store. He afterwards sold his interest to his partner, and bought out the McDonald drug outfit and since that date has continued in the trade at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, which is a very desirable location. His store is the oldest of any now in existence in Spencer, and does a large business, supplying numerous customers. He has attained success by steady application to business and a persistent and successful effort in meeting the demands of his trade. He carries a complete line of drugs that are pure in quality, and sells them at prices as low as inferior compounds are sold. By following this method in business he has built up a trade which stands in the front rank. He is in every sense a thorough pharmacist, and his perfect knowledge of the different and multitudinous ramifications of the drug trade renders him a most careful, competent and trustworthy compounder of medicines. His store is extensive, and is supplied with a large line of drugs, patent medicines, paints, oils, notions, stationery, school books, cigars, and in fact every article usually found in any first class drug store. He has a large and well selected stock of fancy and toilet articles, which he is selling at remarkably low figures. He was married in 1883 to Miss Slattie Huber, of Mechanicsville, Wisconsin. They have two children, whose names are Huber A. and Knight.

Peeso M M, farmer, m 5–2, 160–160 sec.

Pennock E D, conductor C M & St P, m 2, Earling.

ALBERT C. PERINE



SPENCER RUTHVEN

PERINE'S LUMBER YARD.

In connection with the early days of Clay county and the establishing of Spencer, a brief allusion to its lumber trade will not be amiss. Previous to 1878 all supplies in this line were obtained by freighting with teams from Algona on the east, Storm Lake on the south, and Sibley on the northwest. The distance to these different points varied from 40 to 50 miles, over roads that at times were very muddy. The natural sequence was that the lumber when delivered in Spencer was very high and necessarily retarded building. Such was the state of affairs up to the summer of 1878, when it became a settled fact that Spencer was to have a railroad. Then a number of gentlemen learning of these facts and regarding it a desirable opening, at once decided to come and establish a yard. It became a common occurrence upon the daily arrival of the stage to find among its passengers one or more lumber dealers. And it is said that, by actual count, there were thirty-six persons who declared their intentions to settle in Spencer and put in a stock. Out of that number but four or five kept their pledges. The first lumber yard established was by A. C. Perine, who commenced operations by bringing in by teams the first regular stock. This he had drawn from Storm Lake, a distance of about forty miles, during the hot months of July and August. This piece of enterprise upon the part of Mr. Perine was duly appreciated by the merchants as it enabled them to fit up their buildings preparatory to the arrival of their goods by railroad.

During the following October four other yards were established, viz: Staner & Daubenberger, R. E. Parcher, C. W. Babcock and Frank Weller. Of the original establishers none remain except A. C. Perine, who is the pioneer lumber dealer and the only yard that has continued without change of ownership during a period of nearly twelve years. As he was the first to lead in the establishing of a permanent lumber yard in Spencer, so he was the first to introduce the sale of hardwood lumber for wagons and machinery repairs, cedar shingles and yellow pine flooring, not at that time kept in retail yards. He now has everything in the lumber line and his stock is one of the largest in Spencer. His grades are up to a high standard, bright and clean looking. His prices are as low as the lowest and he is ever ready to meet any and all competition. Several years ago he saw the necessity and advantage of opening a

branch yard in Ruthven, twelve or thirteen miles east of Spencer. This enterprise has justified his business sagacity and more than met his most sanguine anticipations. The Ruthven yard, like his Spencer one, is supplied with a large and complete line of all kinds of gang and sawed lumber, flooring, seasoned lumber of all grades and descriptions. His assortment of doors, window frames, paints, oils and cement is complete. His uniform method of dealing with his customers has been the source of bringing a yearly increasing trade. He employs a force of five men.

Albert C. Perine was born in Racine, Wisconsin, September 18th, 1850, and lived in that city until 1867, where he attended school a number of years. Upon leaving Racine he went to Chicago and accepted the position of bookkeeper with the Wells-French Co., which he held until his coming to Spencer in 1878. Mr. Perine is a reliable and successful business man. Since his residence in Spencer, he has been a member of the Council, is President of the School Board and a director in the First National Bank. He was married in 1881 to Miss Martha Wood, daughter of Hon. H. B. Wood. They have two children, Margie and Mary.

Perkins G G, pastor Congregational church, m 5, res Third.

Peterson Jacob, laborer, m 4, North Side.

Peterson Andrew, laborer, m 4, North Side.

Peterson Mr, laborer, m 3, North Side.

Peterson Peter, laborer, m 3, North Side.

Pfiffner H J, barber, s, Third.

Phelps Mrs A A, milliner, w, Main.

Phelps T O, dealer in agricultural implements, m 3-1, res Second.

Phelps E D, express messenger, res W Second.

Was born in Spring Green, Wisconsin, February 19th, 1866, and lived there until four years old, when his parents moved to Madison, Wis., and lived there eleven years. From Madison he went to Ackley where he learned the printers' trade. In 1881 he went to Sanborn and in 1882 came to Spencer, where he worked some time in the News and Reporter offices. He then opened a store which he run for about six months. In 1884 he received an appointment as postal clerk in U. S. railroad mail and held that office for four years. A change in administration caused his removal at the expiration of his term of four years appointment. He was recently appointed messenger for the Adams Express Company, his regular runs being between Sanborn and Chamberlain. He was married June 15th, 1887, to Miss Orrie Carr. They have one child, Edward Milton.

Phillips, L K, plumber and tinner, res Fourth.

Is an Iowa boy, having been born in Fayette county, January 3rd, 1858, where he lived until 8 years old when he went to Illinois with his parents and remained a number of years. Later he returned to Iowa, stopping a while at

Dubuque and other points. About six years ago he came west and located. Previous to coming west he learned the plumbers' and tinners' trade. He has a well established business on Main street, where he keeps a large assortment of plumbers' supplies, pumps, pipes, etc. His tin shop is complete. He has the latest appliances and the best of work tools so that he is prepared to do any and all classes of tin and plumbing work. Being a thorough, careful and painstaking workman it is no wonder that success has attended him since his location in Spencer. He was married in 1882 to Miss Millie Wells. They have three children, Pearl, Lillie and the baby yet unnamed.

Pickering E, R R contractor, m 8-2.

Pinney H B, teamster, S Main.

Pinneo C M, expressman, m 1, Third.

Polk John, expressman, m 3, River.

Polk Kit, laborer, m 2, River.

Purdy Mrs Hattie, w 1, Second.

Purdy G B, merchant, S Main.

Randall P E, cashier 1st Nat Bank, m 2, Second.

Raffensparger Jacob, with Bender Bros & Co, m 3, Main.

Raffensparger Charles C, carpenter, res Eighth.

Was born in Davidsburg, Pennsylvania, Aug. 22nd, 1859. He only remained in that place a brief time, as his parents shortly after his birth moved to York, where his father engaged in business. When arriving at sufficient age he clerked in his father's wholesale liquor store and afterwards went on the road as traveling salesman. On the removal of the family to Spencer he conducted the grocery store (owned by his father) for several years. In 1882 he commenced to learn the carpenter trade and has been engaged in that occupation since that date. He was married in 1876 to Miss Catharine Emig. They have six children, Harry, Eugene, Elmer, Paul, Earle and a girl baby.

Rambough G C, laborer, m 6, Mill.

Remsburg M C, asst cashier Clay Co Bank, m 2, Second.

Ressell Wm, merchant, m 2, Second.

Reynolds J Mrs, w 1, Third.

Rice Mell, music teacher, S Main.

Richards F V, carpenter, m 3, Grove.

Richards Mathew H, editor and prop Clay County News.

Was born in Linden, Iowa County, Wisconsin, November 25th, 1853. For many years he was a citizen of that place. His education was received in the common schools of that place and completed at the State Normal School at Platteville. After completing his course of study he began teaching and for a number of years followed that profession. After coming to Clay county he engaged in farming for two years and then came to Spencer and in company with C. E. Blondel entered the grocery trade. He subsequently disposed of his

interest in the mercantile business and purchased the Clay County News, and entered the field of journalism in which he has been very successful, being a clear and logical writer. He was married in 1881 to Miss Hattie Gillett, of Buncomb, Wis. They have three children, Carlisle M., Lucille and Gladys.

Richardson Frank, a member of the firm of Parker & Richardson, attorneys at law; office in the McAllister block, res Grove.

Was born in Buchanan county, Iowa, April 18th 1857, where he resided until 1881. His preparatory education was received in the schools of Buchanan county. Having a strong inclination for the law as a profession he entered the Upper Iowa University at Fayette and for four years devoted himself to study, preparatory to taking up the law books. Upon completing his course at this University he entered the law office of Hon. J. J. May of Independence, where, after close application for some time, he was admitted as an attorney at the bar. After his admittance he went to Mapleton where he practiced one and one-half years and then came to Spencer in 1883 and formed a partnership with A. C. Parker. Mr. Richardson is an earnest, logical lawyer, an able counsellor, a close student of the law and gifted with a careful judgment. In politics he is democratic, and was for a number of years chairman of the County Democratic Central Committee. He was elected City Recorder in 1888 and so faithfully and carefully were the duties of this office discharged that he was re-elected in 1889 without any material opposition. He is secretary of the Spencer Trotting Association, a society recently organized, which has for its object the fostering and promoting an interest in fast steppers and well bred horses. Mr. Richardson, though modest and unassuming, is a good lawyer, a valuable citizen and a man of excellent business qualities. He was married to Miss Myrtella Lyons in 1887. They have one child, Roger Harold.

Roat C H, laborer, m 3, North Side.
Roberts Mrs, m 3, River.
Roberts, Elmer, laborer, m 3, River.
Robertson W D Mrs, North Side.
Robison J W, manftr pop, m 4, South Side.
Robinson M E, m 7.
Rood Alden, s, East Third.

Rood Jacob, veterinary surgeon, res Third.

Born in Oneida county, N. Y., June 2d, 1818; then went to Cayuga county. In 1844 he immigrated to Green Lake county, Wis., and from there with his family he removed to Columbia, and afterwards to Monroe county. He came to Clay county in August, 1871, on a prospecting tour, and was so well pleased with the country and its prospects that in 1872 he moved his family to Spencer. Since his arrival in Spencer he has followed his profession of veterinary surgeon, and is regarded as thoroughly understanding his profession. Mr. Rood is a Republican in politics, and has been since the organization of the party. He

has held the office of County Coroner for four years, was a member of the City Council two years, being a member of the first Council elected; Township Trustee for nine years, and many other local offices. He is one of the old settlers of Spencer, and a most affable man. He was married in 1841 to Miss Caroline Smith. Seven children were born to them, but only three are living, W. I. Alden and Mrs. Agnes E. Haynes.

Rood W I, photographer, m 5–1, Fourth.

Roth Ambrose M, farmer, Spencer p o.

Was born in Pennsylvania in 1864, and with his parents came to Clay county in 1879, where he remained on the farm until 1886, when he went to Nebraska and engaged in railroading. On account of ill-health he returned home after a lapse of nine months. After recoveriug from his illness, which extended over quite a period, he began farming, and since his father's death, has had charge of the farm of which he is part owner, it being the northeast quarter of section 5, Spencer township. It is a fine farm, provided with good buildings, sixty acres being under cultivation. Mr. Roth is an active young farmer.

Roth Lucy Ann, widow, Spencer twp.

Was born ln Pennsylvania in 1831, and lived there until 1879, when with her husband, now deceased, came to Clay county. She owns an interest in 160 acres of land in section 5, Spencer township, She has four children living: Mrs. Sarah Frees, Mrs. J. Winn, Ambrose, and a single daughter.

Runyan George E, County Treasurer, res Third.

Was born at Richfield Springs, N. Y., September 24th, 1850. When quite young his parents came to Wisconsin, and located in Sauk county, where they remained until coming to Clay county in 1870. After coming to Clay he engaged in farming for several years, and then taught school for several winters. On the 10th of November, 1884, he entered the office of the County Treasurer, and in a short time afterwards was appointed deputy, which position he held until 1888. At the November election of 1888 he was elected Treasurer. Mr. Runyan is an excellent example of what ambition, industry and honesty can accomplish. He merits the esteem in which he is held by the people. Mr. Runyan was married in 1884 to Miss Minnie Strang. They have two children, Florence and Clarence. He owns 110 acres of land, 60 acres being under cultivation.

Runyan P W, gardener, m 2, River.

Savage Elizabeth, w, 3, res First.

Secor Herbert T, res Grove.

Was born in Racine, Wis., October 8th, 1845, and subsequently with his parents moved to New Lisbon, where he remained until 1877, when he came to Clay county. During his stay in New Lisbon he clerked in a store and also in the American Express Company's office. Upon coming to this county he worked on a farm for a brief period, and then came to Spencer and took charge of his father's grocery store, which he conducted for several years. He then went west, where he remained some time, and then returned to Spencer. He was married in May, 1885.

Secor Theo, Justice of the Peace, s, res Grove.
Secor T B, farmer, s, res Fourth.
Shessler Mrs J W, Grove.
Simington James, m, 2.

Skinner Courtland, of Skinner & Maurer, props of Spencer Foundry, Fourth, res Main.

The subject of this sketch was born in Rossville, Allamakee county, August 29th, 1860, and when seven years of age went with his parents to Des Moines, where they remained nearly four years, and then moved to Clay township, Clay county, and then went on a farm, and lived several years. From the farm the family came to Spencer, and Mr. Skinner commenced the blacksmithing business, which he conducted until a short time ago. Courtland, when quite young, decided to learn the trade, and at once entered his father's shop, and during the summer months worked and in the winter attended school. After attending the Spencer schools for quite awhile, he entered Grinnell College and received instructions there for two years, where he had an opportunity of familiarizing himself with mathematics, mechanics and similar branches of study. His mechanical turn of mind early led him to investigate and study closely the mechanism of different kinds of machinery. After seeing the great machines used by the largest barbed wire manufacturing company in the country, he invented and had patented a machine for cutting and putting on the barbs on the wire to be used for fencing purposes. The machine is a valuable one, as it saves both labor and expense in preparing the wire for use. Recently he invented and patented a machine for manufacturing a combination fence. This fence is made of laths or strips of wood and the ordinary wire used for fencing purposes. This machine is one of great value, as the object for which it was invented, that of making a safe, substantial fence at a less expense than any other now in use, has been thoroughly tested and satisfactorily demonstrated. The machine is neither expensive nor difficult to manage. With a small amount of instruction and care it can be easily handled. One of the main features of the fence which commends itself is its cheapness, which is a strong and most forcible factor in the purchaser's eye. Furthermore, it is light, tight and strong, as it contains both iron and wood, and possesses the same strength as a wire fence composed of five strands. There is another excellent feature about it, and that is it is easily handled. It is made in sections, and therefore can be readily put up, and when taken down and rolled up makes a bundle the size of an ordinary barrel, and is thus easily managed. It can therefore, with only a small amount of labor, be changed from one place to another. It is durable, because the material will last an age, and should any of the strips or laths be broken they can be easily replaced with only a nominal amount of expense. This machine most certainly is destined to meet with a ready and large demand. Already the company is in receipt of a number of orders, although but recently patented. Its rapidity in making the fence, its cheapness, its durability and necessity, all combine to create a large demand for it. He has also invented a buggy reach, and has applied for a patent. Besides these, Mr. Skinner has invented numerous

others of smaller and less importance. He is a young man possessing an abundance of nerve and progressiveness, and has a bright future before him. His inventions, although in an embryo state, are destined to attract attention and prove a financial success. His firm are aggressive, and are pushing their business to the front rank, and have confidence in the ultimate success of their many enterprises. Mr. Skinner was recently married to Miss Fannie Bailey, daughter of Mrs. A. K. Frain.

Skinner David, retired, m 2, res Fourth.

Skann N P, m 11.

Smith H N, cashier Clay County Bank, m 4, res Second.

Smith H Mrs, w, res Third.

Smith H W, m 2.

Smith John S, of Smith & Taylor, farm implements, Main.

Was born in Wayne county, Michigan, in 1848, where he lived until six years of age, when with his parents he moved to Pope county, Illinois, where he lived about three years, when his parents removed to Iowa and located at Des Moines. He lived at the capital nine years, when he went to Cass county, this State, and stayed three years, and then came to Clay county in the fall of 1870. He immediately selected a homestead in now Meadow township, and at once began improving it. He remained on this farm for about five years, when he went South and stayed there for three years, working at the carpentering trade. In 1881 he moved his family to Spencer, and followed the carpenter's trade for some years, and then went into the wagonmaking and repairing business. He kept on increasing his business until it included all kinds of farm machinery. Mr. Smith is an ANo. 1 carpenter, a good machinist and an upright business man and citizen. He belongs to the old settler class of the north part of the county. He was married in 1880 to Miss Emma J. Wilson. They have four children, Lizzie M., Nellie M., Harry J. and Pearl A.

Smith Miss Caroline A, east half section 6, a 40–40.

Was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, and came with her parents to Clay county in 1870. Miss Smith has taught in the public schools of Clay county for a number of years, being one among the first teachers employed in the Spencer schools.

Smith M M, farmer, north half northeast quarter, section 6, 60–60, p o Spencer.

Was born in Spencer, Medina county, Ohio, Sept. 6th, 1846. During the year 1850 he moved with his parents to Juneau county, Wisconsin. In 1863, when only seventeen, he enlisted in Co. E, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the end of the war, having been with Sherman in his great march "From Atlanta to the Sea." Upon being discharged he returned to Wisconsin, and remained there five years, when he came to Iowa and located at Clear Lake. In 1869 came to Clay county and took up a homestead and engaged in farming. He has been a member of the School Board for twelve

years, and was treasurer of that body for a great many years. He was married in 1868 to Miss Melvina A. Miller, who died about two years ago. They have two children, Charles and Mabel.

Smith Ransom, farmer; sec. 6, Spencer p o.

Was born in Palmyra, Ontario county, New York, October 20th, 1799. He lived in that county twenty years, when he moved to Niagara county, and subsequently to Wisconsin. In 1876 he removed to Clay county. Mr. Smith is the oldest man in the county. He has been twice married. His first wife's maiden name was Ruth Gaunett. In 1861 he was married to Emmeline Cole, of Wisconsin.

Smith Oscar, m 5.

Smock Walter, laborer, m 6, res South Side.

Smock Thompson, laborer, m 4, res South Side.

Smock Wm, laborer, m 3, res South Side.

Snow E E, broker, m 3, res Second.

Snow L M, w, res West Second.

Snow Sumner S, abstractor, collector, insurance and real estate, office over Clay County Bank, res Grove.

Born in Davenport, Iowa, October 24th, 1860. When but three months old his parents moved to Grinnell, Iowa, where until 1880 he made his home. His boyhood days were therefore spent in that quiet but classic city of the Hawkeye State. After having attended the common schools he pursued a course of study in the Iowa University at Grinnell, extending over a period of five years. He was therefore well equipped to enter almost any profession. In 1880 he came to Spencer and entered the law office of his brother, E. E. Snow, where, after reading law two years, was admitted to practice, intending to follow that avocation exclusively. But subsequently he altered his intentions and engaged in the abstracting, collecting, insurance and real estate business, in which he has been remarkably successful. He has a complete set of abstract books, which are models of neatness and accuracy. He is not only a splendid penman, but a careful, painstaking and correct abstractor. His annual collections amount to a large sum. In this branch of business he has been unusually successful. He is not only a good collector, but honorable, reliable and responsible. He is the representative of a number of the staunchest insurance companies that do business in Iowa. Having a large list of real estate, and perfectly acquainted with the county, he is able to furnish a customer any kind of real estate he may wish to purchase. Snow Bros., of which he is the junior member, are loan brokers, and do an extensive business. Mr. Snow has held a number of positions of honor and trust since his residence in Spencer. For three years he was City Recorder, being elected twice without opposition. In 1888 he was chosen Mayor, and declined to be a candidate for a second term, although urgently requested to do so. He has held the office of secretary of the School Board since 1887, and was recently re-elected for another term; is a director in the Building and Loan Association; treasurer of the Spencer Hotel

Company, and holds numerous other offices in various societies. He is one of the progressive, energetic young men of Spencer. He has a record of constancy and application unsurpassed by any man of his years. His repeated honors and prominency in business circles would have turned the heads of many older men. But, possessed of rare discernment and capability, he has been prudent and methodical in his work and courteous and affable to others. He was married in December, 1886, to Miss Mary Thayer, eldest daughter of ex-Mayor John Thayer, of Spencer.

Snyder John, laborer, m 4, North Side.

Sorenson Peter, laborer, m 4, res Fifth.

Sorenson Nels, laborer, m 6, res Fifth.

Sowrs Phil, shoemaker, s, Main.

Squire Charles M, dealer in agricultural implements, Main, res Grove.

Is one of the older settlers in the northern part of the county and early identified with Spencer. He was born in Onadagua county, New York, June 28th, 1844, where he lived until arriving at the age of six, when his parents moved to Waterloo, Jefferson county, Wis. He lived in this county seventeen years. For a number of years he attended the schools of Waterloo, and afterwards engaged in farming until 1867. He went to Mitchell, where for three years he was interested in the woolen mills of that place. In 1870 he grew tired of business and decided to take a vacation and spend some time in traveling and seeing something beyond his own country. He sailed for Europe in 1870 and spent one year in visiting and viewing the great European cities. Upon his return from across the waters he decided to go to Spencer, where in May, 1871, metaphorically speaking, he pitched his tent and from that day to this has been a permanent and prominent citizen of the capital city of Clay. He commenced dealing in agricultural implements and machinery immediately upon his arrival and has constantly engaged in that business now nearly nineteen years. He is the pioneer "machine man" of the town and county. His stock of farm implements embraces everything that is used on a farm in the way of machinery, wagons, threshers, etc. His uniform urbanity of manner, his square dealing, his very low prices and the quality of the goods he has handled, combined, have been the means of bringing him a large and lucrative trade. His buildings are located on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth. He carries a fine line of buggies and carriages of superior make and quality. During his residence here he has been quite active in local and county politics and has always manifested a keen interest in State and National issues. He was a member of the first council and has served several terms since. He has in this capacity taken a leading part in the deliberations of that body and has been active in the promotion of every improvemont looking to the good of the town. He is aggressive, yet cautious, liberal, yet withal careful to see that the town's funds are not uselessly or extravagantly expended. He believes in progress and that the improvements of a town should be in proportion to its resources. He is a firm believer in the future growth and development of Spencer and believes it is

destined to be the centre of the Northwest. He has always lent a helping hand to encourage and foster public enterprises and is one of the reliable stand-bys of the old regime, who braved the elements as well as the grasshopper raids and knows well the pleasures and discomforts of pioneer life. He was married June 1st, 1873, to Miss Anna Runyan.

Starr O F, operator, s, res Third.

Stanley Mrs F, w, res South Side.

Stebbings J W, of the firm of J W Stebbings & Co., dealers in hardware, tinware, stoves, etc, res Third.

Was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Nov. 4th, 1846, where he lived until he reached the age of six, when his parents removed to Chicago, the great commercial city of the west. Soon after coming to Chicago, and when but a boy, he entered the great wholesale grocery establishment of Sprague, Warner & Co., the leading house of that city, and continued in their employ, with the exception of about three years, which he spent in the army, until 1881, when he came to Clay county. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. M—Phillip's Chicago Battery—2nd Illinois Light Artillery, but was afterwards transferred to Company C of the same regiment. This regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac for a time but was finally detached and sent west, and for the remainder of its term of service served with the Army of the Cumberland. Soon after the arrival of the regiment in the west, Mr. Stebbings was detailed as a scout in the Army of the Tennessee and went with Sherman on his famous and historical march "from Atlanta to the Sea." Upon being mustered out of the service, August 8th, 1865, he returned to Chicago, again in the employ of Sprague, Warner & Co. When he came to Clay county in 1881 he engaged in farming and stock buying until 1887, when he sold out and removed to Spencer and in company with A. A. Flint purchased Bender Bro.'s elevator and engaged in the grain, live stock and coal trade. He afterwards sold his interest and in 1889 opened a hardware store under the firm name of J. W. Stebbings & Co.—Mr. Ernest G. Meikle being the company. Mr. Stebbings has had years of experience in commercial pursuits and is a genial, whole-souled business man. He possesses a plentiful supply of energy and by his industry has accumulated a good supply of this world's goods. He was married in 1866 to Miss Marian Ketcham. They have two children, Lizzie and Eugene.

Steele J E, attorney-at-law, office over Smith, Green & Co.'s store, cor Main and Third, res E Second.

Is the oldest resident practicing lawyer in Spencer. Born in Belmont, Ohio, September, 1849, he remained there until he reached the age of twenty years. While residing in Ohio he attended the common schools and then for quite a period was a student of Hopedale Academy in Harrison county. He taught school several years. He visited different parts of Pennsylvania and spent considerable time in that state. In 1869 he came to Iowa and located in Louisa county and subsequently went to Clinton and was book-keeper for a large wholesale establishment for several years. Resigning this position he

accepted a similar one with the Peoria & Rock Island Railroad Company, with which he remained one year. His aptitude and preference for the legal profession led him to resign his situation and prepare himself for that avocation of life. He entered the law office of Hon. W. H. H. Hart of Dewitt, now of Clinton, and an attorney of state prominence, where he applied himself closely and attentively to reading and studying the principles of law and the rules of practice. Then, as now, he was a very close student and gave his studies his undivided attention; mastering slowly and carefully every knotty point of the fundamental principles of the law of the country. When having completed the required number of years of reading, and being sufficiently versed in law, he applied for admission, and, after a vigorous and exacting examination, he entered the active work of a practitioner. He came to Spencer in 1878 and soon after opened an office and since that date has constituted one of the Spencer bar. Mr. Steele is a successful practitioner in his profession and enjoys a successful patronage. He is methodical in his business, prudent in all affairs and is honorable in his dealings. He is extremely cautious in giving an opinion, but when once given it is safe to conclude that the law will verify him in his utterances. As an office lawyer, he has no superior among the Spencer attorneys. He is modest and somewhat retiring in his manner, but an extensive reader and an inveterate student. His knowledge of the law is broad and comprehensive and the positions he takes in a case are in the main tenable. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace four years; was City Recorder three terms and has held other positions of trust. He was married on the 9th of July, 1873, to Miss Maggie A. Craig. They have one child, Florence.

Steiglider A, butcher, W Fifth.

Was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, June 15th, 1862, and resided in that county until April, 1882, when he came to Clay county and engaged in farming until October, 1887. He then removed to Spencer and opened up a meat market on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and is at present engaged in that line of trade. He thoroughly understands the business—having previous to his coming to Spencer been in that business—and by his uniform courtesy and square dealing has established a large and lucrative trade. The central location of his market and the quality of his meats bring a liberal patronage. Mr. A. was married February 7th, 1882, to Miss Lizzie De Mont. They have three children, Emma, Maggie and Charlie.

Stephenson M C, bridge builder, m 2, Main.

Stephenson George, bridge builder, m 7, res North Side.

Strand A, laborer, s, res River.

Sully O E, merchant, Main.

The subject of this sketch was born in Canada January 17th, 1852, and in early youth removed with his parents to Sheboygan Falls, Wis., where he lived thirty-two years. After reaching the proper age he entered a store and for a number of years was a clerk. Subsequently he commenced business for himself by opening a general store. He continued in business there until his removal

to Spencer in 1887. In 1884 he was married to Miss Martha Guyett. On his arrival in Spencer in the fall of 1887 he opened a large line of dry goods and notions, in the building next door to Griffin & Adams' bank, which he named "The Fair". This room is 20x80 and is literally packed with goods of every description. Mr. Sully's long connection with the dry goods business has enabled him to thoroughly familiarize himself with this branch of trade in all its details. He is, consequently, very observing of the demands of the public and exercises rare good judgement in all of his selections. His goods meet with a ready demand because they are just what his customers want. His dress goods, of every shade, color and quality, afford his customers a vast and endless variety to choose from. Then in the notion line and ladies' furnishing goods there is almost a limitless assortment. It would require page after page to designate the innumerable kinds of fancy and useful articles of every design and make. The customer upon visiting "The Fair" is struck with the artistic taste displayed in the general arrangement and display of the goods. Its a panoramic view of beautiful fancy work, handsome patterns in dress goods and elegant designs in toilet articles. The remarkably low prices at which Mr. Sully sells these goods is an additional attraction to purchasers. He employs from one to two clerks to enable him to wait upon his customers. The store is a model of neatness and attractiveness.

Sutcliff J H, street com, m 3, res Third.

Taber H J, carpenter, res First,

Was born in Erie county, Penn., Feb. 10th, 1835, and lived in that State until 1847, when he moved to Lake county, Indiana, until 1859. During his residence in that State he worked at the carpenter's trade. He then came to Dallas county, and subsequently moved to Waverly, Bremer county, where he occupied his time working at his trade. In 1871 he moved to this county and settled in Riverton township, and lived on a farm until 1888. In addition to farming, he spent one or two years in railroading. During his residence in Riverton, he held the office of school director seven times, was treasurer three times, and in 1885 was elected county supervisor for three years. He is a Democrat in politics, and a very ardent one. He was married to Miss Mary Baskin. They have five childen: A. C., W. P., Carrie, Mabel and Maud. He owns 80 acres of land, 60 of which is under cultivation.

Taggart E, book-keeper Clay Co Bank, s, bds Earling.

Tatro A, teamster and mover, m 3, res First.

Tatro Allen, teamster, m 3, res First.

Tatro M, teamster, m 4, res First.

Taylor S B, of Smith & Taylor, dealers in farm implements, Main.

Was born in Canada, Nov. 12th, 1850, where he lived for twenty-five years He then came to the United States and traveled for about three years, when he came to Spencer and finally located. When he first came here, he worked at the carpentering trade, but subsequently moved on a farm, where he remained

several years engaged in tilling the soil. In 1888 he removed to Spencer and formed a partnership with John S. Smith, and has since that date been in the farm machinery trade. Mr. Taylor is not only a first-class carpenter, but understands thoroughly the machine trade. He has been married twice, the first time to Miss Ruth Elkins, a number of years ago, leaving him one son, Mark D. The second time to Miss Hattie Webb. They have one child, Ettie.

Thayer John, retired, m 3, res Grove.

Thayer George, farmer, m 2–2, res Fourth.

Thompson W H, railroad contractor, m 4, res Fourth.

Thorine G, furniture dealer, m 2, Main.

Townsend P B, blacksmith, m 5, res Fifth.

Traap C A, sprinkler, m 3, res Second.

Tracy Mr, m 6.

Trask Frank, s, bds Central.

Troendle R, dealer in hay, m 3, res Second.

Tryon E A, miller, of the firm of Tryon & Bruntlett, proprietors of the Spencer Mills.

Was born in Genesee county, New York, in the year 1847, where for twenty years he made his home. He received a thorough academic education. In 1867 he moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he remained for a number of years and then removed to Plymouth county, Ohio, where he engaged in the stock business. He came to Spencer in 1889, and in company with Mr. Bruntlett purchased the Spencer mills. Mr. Tryon is a thorough business man, an excellent book-keeper, and a gentleman of large, practical experience. He was married in 1876 to Miss Minnie D. Tremaine of Plymouth county. They have four children.

Tublas W R, m 2.

Tucker Perry, laborer, m 3, res North Side.

Tuttle Frank M, farmer and stock raiser, res Grove.

Is of Iowa birth, having been born in Clear Lake, May 18th, 1863, where he lived until his parents removed to Spencer in 1878, when he was fifteen years of age. He attended the public schools of Clear Lake and Spencer, was a student at Mt. Vernon College for several years, and then received a course of instruction at the Iowa Business College at Des Moines. He was, therefore, well equipped to enter business and encounter the practical things of life. He had been carefully trained for an active business pursuit by his father, Senator M. Tuttle, a man of large experience, a successful financier and a man of excellent judgment. When his father died, several years ago, his large estate was in the main entrusted to Frank's charge, and so signally has he carried out his parent's intention and so successfully has he been in his transactions, that it has stamped him as a young man possessing more than ordinary discernment and business enterprise and sagacity. He is the owner of one thousand acres of

very choice land, and has under cultivation something over five hundred acres. The remaining portion is used as stock farms. He has been an extensive dealer in thoroughbred short-horn cattle, also different breeds of hogs, and is owner of some of the finest graded cattle that treads the soil of Clay county. His influence has ever been lent to encouraging, promoting and raising the breeding of every class of stock, and few men have devoted more time and money—residing in Clay county—to this than Mr. Tuttle. His theory is, that the better the breed, the better the price, and in the end it costs no more for a well-bred animal than for a poorly bred one. His ventures have been successful in this line, and have demonstrated that his theory is correct. He is an active, progressive young farmer, and has demonstrated his complete knowledge of all the requirements necessary to make him eminently successful in his chosen avocation. He is liberal and possesses generous qualities, and is a contributor to every worthy object. He was married in October, 1888, to Miss Carrie Randall, daughter of P. E. Randall, cashier of the First National Bank.

Tuttle Mrs Clara, w 2, res Grove.

Tythcott John, expressman, m 2, res Third.

Van Hooser C, proprietor of the Central Hotel.

Was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., April 10th, 1843, and when quite youthful came with his parents to Allamakee county, Iowa, where he lived until 1880. While he lived in that county, he was engaged in farming and the hotel business. In 1880 he disposed of his property and removed to Palo Alto county, where he again became a farmer and engaged in that branch of industry until 1887, when he went to Sioux Rapids and conducted a restaurant for some little time, and then sold out and came to Spencer and built the Central, a two-story frame building, located in the central part of the town. It is complete throughout, being newly furnished and provided with comfortable rooms. The Central is a place where the weary can be refreshed, and the appetites of the hungry satisfied. Mr. Van Hooser is a genial, accommodating landlord, and spares no expense or effort to make his hotel a popular resort for the traveling public. He has a family of five, and employs three helpers. His tables are always well provided with everything the markets afford.

Verharen F T, dealer in agricultural implements, res Ninth.

Wade H H, railroad contractor, m 5, res Second.

Waldron J P, painter, m 3, res West Side.

Ward Walter P, attorney-at-law, office Main, res Grove.

Was born in Washington county, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1849, where he lived until 1856, when with his parents he went to Fairfield, Iowa, where they remained until 1862. They then removed to Henderson county, Illinois. During his stay in Fairfield and Henderson counties he attended the public schools, and in 1867 he was enrolled as one of the students of the Prairie City Academy, McDonough county, Illinois, for the greater part of three years. He usually attended school from four to six months each year, and taught a part of the remaining months. In 1873 he entered the State Industrial University at

Champaign—one of the leading universities in Illinois—where in 1877 he graduated with honor in a class consisting of 42 members. Previous to entering college, he went to Kansas and pre-empted land and remained there almost two years. After graduatiug, he entered the law office of Hon. T. J. Smith, where he spent two years solving the intricacies of Blackstone, Coke and others, and taught school. Finally, after a searching examination, he was admitted to the bar as attorney. After obtaining admission he taught school in Douglas county, Illinois, for some time, and then went to Kansas, to look after his real estate. Upon returning to Illinois, he again entered the school-room and taught for some time. He arrived in Spencer April 30th, 1881, and immediately opened an office and began practicing law. In 1882 he returned to Illinois, and was united in marriage to Miss Velma P. Skinner of Champaign, a classmate and a graduate of the same university. He is a studious lawyer, a cautious business man, and a successful financier. Having had the advantages of a collegiate education in one of the best universities in the west, and a practical experience dating back to his boyhood days, he is consequently thoroughly equipped for an aggressive business man and a successful lawyer. Coming as he did, among strangers, and beginning the practice of his profession alone and unaided by influences, he has by personal effort and merit won what distinction he has attained. He is an honorable attorney, an upright citizen, and a prosperous, level-headed business man. He combines with his profession, a collection, loan and land business. In all of these branches he has met with marked success, and has been remunerated for his strict attention to them by the establishment of a most excellent business. He held the position of chairman of the Republican county central committee during the campaign of 1888, and discharged the arduous duties of that rssponsible position most creditably. Mrs. Ward is a lady of culture, and has been a most faithful member and efficient officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Ward Geo H, hav dealer, m 3, res West.
Warren Geo, insurance agent, bds Central.

Watson John M, merchant, Main, res Third.

The subject of this sketch was born in Rochester, New York, April 18th, 1845, and when quite young went with his parents to Wilmington, Ill., where he made his home until 1883. A great portion of the time he engaged in farming. In August, 1861, when the call was made for 300,000 to enlist for three years or during the war, Mr. Watson, although but sixteen years of age, res ponded to the call, and enrolled his name as a member of Co. A, Thirty-ninth Illinois Volnnteer Infantry. This regiment was among the few Western ones that was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and took a most active part in all the skirmishes and battles of that great army, where the sledge hammer blows were struck to crush the Southern Confederacy. With his regiment he participated in these fusilades of fire. Subsequently he was on detached service for quite awhile, and owing to injuries received was discharged. On receiving his mustering out papers he returned to Wilmington, and commenced business for himself, and remained a merchant of that city until 1883. It was during that

year that he made a trip west, and in his travels stopped at Spencer. Being so favorably impressed with its advantages, he at once decided to locate here He went back to Wilmington, disposed of his interests, and with his family returned to Spencer, and that year in company with Thos. McQueen commenced his present business. On the 12th of January, 1888, he purchased Mr. McQueen's interest, and has since that date conducted the business alone. He has a large and complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, carries a large and elegant line of boots and shoes of every description, and by his zeal and push in business has built up a most extensive trade. He is eminently a practical business man, a close buyer and thoroughly understands the wants of people in his line of merchandising. Success has therefore attended him in his business ventures in a marked degree. He was married in 1869 to Miss Lizzie M. Thompson. They have two children, Blanche and Lyle. His store is located on Main street, between Third and Fourth streets, and is the central portion of the business houses of Spencer.

Weaver Charles S, merchant, Main, res Third.

Was born in Waukesha county, Wis., June 24th, 1859. Here he remained until 1880, when he came to Spencer. After remaining here awhile he went to Dakota, and railroaded one year, and then returned to Spencer, and clerked for James Taylor & Co. and Smith, Green & Co. Subsequently he railroaded, was a book agent and representative for the Retail Merchants' Association, and engaged in organizing clubs. A short time ago he purchased of William Bissell his grocery store on Main street, and is now engaged in that line of trade He was married in 1881 to Miss M. E. Hindes. They have three children, Mortimer, Nina and Ethel.

Weaver M H, wagonmaker, res River.

Was born in New York State, in April, 1837. When only three months old his parents moved to Oneida county, of that State, where they remained sixteen years, and from there they immigrated to Waukesha county, Wis. Mr. Weaver remained there twenty-three years, and then moved to Sparta, Monroe county. He learned the wagonmaking trade in Wisconsin, and pursued that occupation for a number of years. On coming to Clay county in 1881, he farmed for one and a half years, and then rented his farm, came to Spencer and opened a wagonmaking shop on Fourth street, near the city hall He has continuously carried on this business since, with the exception of one year, which he spent in Kansas and Nebraska. Mr. Weaver is a thorough and skilled workman, as an examination of his work will show. He is an affable and pleasant man. He has a good trade, and his work and prices deserve it. In 1857 he was married to Miss Adeline Bartlett. They have three children living, Charles, William and Emma, now Mrs. Walter Davidson.

West Joseph G, farmer, res Main.

Was born in New York city January 9th, 1846. When quite young his parents moved to North Hampton, Mass., where they lived until 1855, when they returned to New York City, where he made his home until 1865. He then went to Poughkeepsie, where for nine years he ran a large stock farm. Disposing of

that he went back to New York City, and lived there five years, and then moved to Chicago, where he resided one year. In 1879 he came to Clay county, where he has since made his home. He received his education in the New York State school at Sing Sing, and graduated at the Mount Pleasant Academy. In the latter years of his stay in New York City he was engaged in the manufacturing business. He was a member of the famous crack regiment, the Seventh New York, of the State militia, and was with the first troops sent out from New York at the commencement of the great civil war. In October, 1862, he enlisted in the Fourth regiment, New York cavalry, and served until July, 1864, when he received his discharge. While at Poughkeepsie he organized a militia company which was attached to the Twenty-first regiment New York, and was made its captain, subsequently a captain in the Twenty-second regiment, and sergeant major of the "Old Guard," being the youngest officer in that renowned organization. He is a man of wide experience, having had many excellent advantages in different branches of trade. He is now operating a stock farm of 1,640 acres in Dickinson county, has 900 acres under cultivation, and the remaining portion is used for meadow and pasture land. He has a large drove of most excellent and well-bred horses of superior style and mettle. Recently he exhibited some of his animals at the famous Chicago Horse Show, which elicited many favorable and complimentary comments. He also has some splendid specimens of fine cattle, which for purity of breeding and compactness of form have few superiors. In fact Mr. West has a splendid farm, well located, and a class of all kinds of stock that it would be difficult to excel. It has required skillful management, good judgment, experience and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars to place this land in good condition and make it the model stock farm that it is. It is well worth any one's time to visit "Westdale" in the summer season and view the improvements, the excellent appointments for providing and protecting the stock, the splendid specimens of animals, and the large droves grazing quietly on the green verdure. Mr. West has a splendid one-half mile race track, where he has trained a number of very speedy animals. His large outlays, great care in selecting his stock, and the immense amount of labor bestowed in erecting buildings and getting the farm in proper condition, are at last bringing him a reward, and he has it now established on a basis where it is producing excellent profits. The land is productive, and the farm contains some of the best land in the Northwest. Possessing liberal views, an open-handed contributor, a zealous promoter of well-bred stock, an eucourager of every good and worthy enterprise, stamps him as one of the leading business men of Spencer, and one of the most prominent farmers of the Northwest. Although coming from the East, he soon mastered the Western manner and modes of farming. Possessing ample capital at his command, he has had the advantages of experimenting and demonstrating his theories in both the stock and farm business. He was married in 1868 to Miss Adellia Robinson, of Poughkeepsie. They have one child, Mamie, who is a present in New York City, attending a leading and fashionable female seminary.

Weisser Mrs, w, 8.

Welton E M, traveling salesman, m 6, res Second.

Wescott L C, farmer, m 4, res Third.

West James, carpenter, m 3, res West Fourth.

White Mrs J D, w, 4, res First.

White Mrs, w, 3, res Third.

Whitney L H, dealer in harness and saddles, Main, res Second.

Was born in Olean, Cattaraugus county, New York, in 1850, where he lived until seven years old, when his parents moved to Winnebago county, Illinois, and he made that place his home until 1869, when he went to Kansas with the tide of immigration. The next three years were spent in Kansas and Missouri He then came to Iowa and located in Butler county, and resided there four years or until his removal to Clay. In 1864, three years after war had been declared between the Southern Confederacy and the United States, Mr. Whitney, then only fourteen years old, but flushed with patriotism and an ardent desire to serve his country, succeeded in eluding the watchful eyes of the enrolling officer and enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the final termination of that bloody and memorable conflict; being in all probability one of the youngest enlisted men that carried a musket. While in Illinois he learned the harness and saddlery trade, which he followed for a number of years. In Butler county he was engaged in the stock business and did quite an extensive trade in buying and shipping. On coming to Spencer in 1881, he returned to his trade and purchased a stock of harness, saddles and other articles usually found in a store of that character His business from the first was large and lucrative. The many railroading outfits sent out from Spencer created a large demand for harness, and in the main they were purchased of Mr. Whitney. The quality of the work, leather, and the prices were such that nearly every outfit was bought of him. His stock consists of heavy wagon and light buggy harnesses, saddles of every description, whips, robes and a multitude of other articles of every style and make. During Mr. Whitney's residence in Spencer he has been intimately connected with its interests. He was elected a member of the council for three years, in which capacity he served with signal ability. His judgment and foresight were so clear that he was selected by his colleagues as mayor *pro tempore* during the absence of the mayor. Upon the expiration of his term as councilman, he was elected mayor, and his administration was characterized by many improvements made in the town. He was married in 1880 to Miss Alice Chrystie They have one child, Guy Chrystie.

Wickham G E, painter, m 12, res Third.

Wigmore A, carpenter, m 6, res West Fourth.

Wilcox Charles M, of the firm of Cotterell & Wilcox, res Fourth.

Born November 9th, 1858, in Clinton county, N. Y. At a very early age his parents immigrated westward and settled in Oconowoc, Wis., where they lived until 1868, when they removed to Elgin, Minn., when they again moved, this time to Lac Tur Parle of that State. Charles remained there until 1880,

when he went to Mitchell, Dak., and entered the drug trade, having previously engaged in that line of commercial pursuit. In April, 1889 he came to Spencer and formed a partnership with Mr. Cotterell, aud purchased L. L. Wright & Co.'s drug store. By years of practice and constant handling of drugs, he has attained a degree of proficiency in compounding drugs that makes him a professional with the graduate, pestle and mortar.

Wiley John, railroad section foreman, m 8, res North Side.

Wilkinson R H, jeweler, Main, res West Third.

Was born in Canada, Feb. 29th, 1864. He lived there until twelve years, and attended school a good portion of the time. He then went to Chicago, where, all told, he spent about eight years. For three years he was a resident of Texas. During his residence in Chicago he learned the jeweler's trade, and has since followed that vocation. Mr. Wilkinson is a thorough jeweler, and understands his business in all its minuties. He has a very fine line of watches, chains, and other jewelery; also a large and handsome assortment of silverware which for beauty and design are unexcelled. His prices are so uniformly low that it is almost impossible to resist the temptation to purchase. His display dazzles the eye, pleases the fancy and attracts the purchasers. In his repairing department he has all the necessary tools to do the very best of repairing and guarantees his work to be first class. Although a comparative new comer he has forged ahead and by close attention has a good and growing trade. He was married in 1887 to Miss Hattie H. Gedge. They have one child, Reginald.

Wickham G E, painter, m 12, res Third.
Wigmore A, carpenter, m 6, res W Fourth.
Wiley John, railroad section foreman, m 8, res North Side.
Wilson E, laborer, m 6, North Side.
Williams H M, stock dealer, s, res Second
Willard T E, principal schools, res Second.
Winn J, laborer, m 4, res River.

Woodruff Albert, traveling salesman, res East River.

Was born in Jackson county, West Virginia, March 4th, 1829, and remained a resident of that state until 1865, when he moved to Christian county, Illinois, where he remained six years, working at the carpentering trade. In April, 1871, he came to Clay county and located in Spencer and followed his trade for about ten years when he entered in partnership with Ackley Hubbard and engaged in the furniture business, subsequently selling out; he was in the millinery trade for two years. Since disposing of this he has devoted his time and energies to selling nursery stock for the past six years. During the late war he was a member of Co. C, 140th W. Va. Infantry, and was a member of one of the militia companies sent to Ohio at the time the confederate troops under Morgan made a raid through that State. He has been married three times. He has four children, Olivia, Mrs. C. M. Whitman, Alice G., Mrs. A.

Wettstein, Lona, Mrs. H. Kunath and Homer, at present attending school at La Porte, Indiana.

Wood H B, county auditor, res Third.

Was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., Oct. 25th, 1828. In 1835 his parents moved to Orleans county and in 1840 immigrated westward and settled in Rock county, Wis. Mr. Wood remained in that county until the fall of 1852 when he went to Grant county, where he taught school and farmed for some seventeen years. In 1869 he came to Butler county, this State, and remained there until the year 1871, when he came to Spencer and began the practice of law. In the fall of '71 he was elected a member of the Legislature and in 1873 was again elected, being a member of that body when the present code was legalized. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for a great many years; was a member of the School Board and its Secretary for nearly ten years; was Deputy Auditor two years and was elected Auditor in 1881 and was re-elected three different times and is the present incumbent, declining this year to be a candidate again although urged by his friends to allow his name to be used. Mr. Wood has had a large and vast amount of public experience and although having held office for nearly twenty years he has an unblemished record and has proven faithful to every trust and discharged his whole duty to the public. Mr. Wood has been married twice. His first marriage occured in November, 1853, to Miss Margaret E. Richards, who died a great many years ago. They had two children, Martha, now Mrs. A. C. Perine, and Myra. In 1876 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Julia Carr, who had one daughter, Ora, now Mrs. E. D. Phelps.

Wood Frank, laborer, m 2.

Woodin T C, traveling salesman, m 2, bds at Earling.

Woodruff A, nurseryman, m 2, res East Second.

Wooliscroft David, confectionery, fruits, etc, Main.

Was born in Fulford, Staffordshire, England, March 11th, 1832. After attending school in his native town, he went to Liverpool, where he had the advantage of a business college. He then went to Hanly, and in 1853 engaged in commercial business. In 1855 he came to America to visit a brother living in Janesville, Wis., and remained there several months. Hearing of the fertile fields of Iowa, then fast gaining in favor, he went to Howard county, and pre-empted 160 acres of land. In 1856 he removed to McGregor, and opened a wholesale oyster and cracker house. For seventeen years he was a resident of McGregor and intimately connected with the earlier settlement of that old established city. Subsequently he went to Monona, and in partnership with P. B. Mason, was extensively engaged in hop raising. In the spring of 1878 he came West, looking for a location, and upon visiting Spencer he was so well pleased with it that he at once decided to engage in business here. He immediately returned to his home, and at once made preparations for moving his family and effects to this place. On the 11th day of April he opened a store in Spencer, and has since that date been engaged in business. He was married October 1st, 1862, to Mis

Clara M. Olmstead, only daughter of Le Grande Olmstead, and a niece of Hon. P. P. Olmstead and David Olmstead, the latter being the first Mayor of St. Paul, and also for whom Olmstead county, Wisconsin, is named. The family of Olmsteads were among the first settlers of Iowa. They have one son, Le Grande, who is book-keeper in the Clay County Bank.

Wooliscroft L G, book-keeper Clay County Bank, m 3, res East First.

Wright F F, farmer, m 5, res North Side.

Wright George W, res Second.

Was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, November 30th, 1845, and when quile young his parents moved to De Kalb county, Illinois, where he lived until coming to this county. His life in Illinois was spent on a farm. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. F, 132d regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served six months. In 1881 he came here, and spent the first year on his farm of 160 acres, and broke up and cultivated the greater portion of it. He afterwards moved to Spencer. During his residence here he has held the office of City Marshal four years, and Street Commissioner the same length of time, also the office of Deputy Sheriff.

Wright J D H, laborer, m 8.

Wright Mrs Warren W, res Second.

Wyatt L H, farmer, m 6, res South Side.

Yates Wm, railroad contractor, m 5, res East Second.

Young O P, pharmacist, m 3, res Third.

Zink William, teamster, m 3, North Side.

Zink Willis, of Buckey & Zink, dealers in groceries, Main, res East Second.

Was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, In 1853, and for ten years made that his home. In 1863 he went with his parents to Ohio, and in 1865 to Iowa, and located in Winneshiek county, where he remained two years, and then moved to Dickinson connty. While a resident of the last named place he engaged in the blacksmithing business for awhile, and then clerked in a store and was subsequently elected constable. He then moved to Spencer, and clerked for Frank Bartholomew, Stewart Bros., Griffin Bros., and finally for C. P. Buckey, and afterwards purchasing an interest with the last named. He was married in 1876 to Miss Sarah Osborn, of Dickinson county. They have one child, Bertie. Mr. Zink is a good business man, and has a broad and varied business experience, and is a careful and successful merchant.

ADDITIONAL SPENCER.

Bales A L, farmer, m 2, P O Dickens.

Bruntlett James, of Tryon & Bruntlett, millers.

Was born in England in 1835 and was a citizen of the British Government for thirty-two years. His father was a sea captain and with him he made a number of voyages to different parts of the world. Previous to his coming to America, in 1867, he learned the milling trade thoroughly and completely, and when he went to New Jersey he followed this branch of business. He subsequently moved to Chicago and from there to Savanna. At both of these places he pursued his trade. In England it requires a greater length of time to learn a trade than in this country, because the learner or apprentice is compelled to master it in all its various details before he is permitted to assume the charge of business. Mr. Bruntlett received a thorough and rigid course of instruction and was pronounced an adept as a miller before he took charge of a grist mill. He was married in 1867 to Miss Fannie Walton, of Scott county, Iowa. They have two children

Castle H N, proprietor of the Spencer House.

Was born in Canada and came to Spencer when in its infancy. For several years he engaged in the grocery business, but finally closed out and went to St. Paul where he remained for quite awhile. A short time ago he leased the hotel which he now conducts. He was married in 1872 to Miss Tatro.

Christensen Godfrey C, dealer in tobaccos, fruits and confectionery, Main, residence Elm.

Was born in Denmark, June 26th, 1862, and came to this country when nineteen years of age, and located at Spencer. He worked on the farm and railroad until 1885, when he commenced his present business. He was married in 1887 to Miss Louisa A. Johnson. They have one child, Elroy.

Cardell Henry, traveling salesman.

Was born in Cornwall county, England, July 31st, 1858, and lived in that country until 1881, when he came to the United States. While a resident of his native country he attended the Tregoney college for a number of years, and received not only the advantages of college training, but a business education. For a number of years previous to his coming to America, he engaged in breeding and raising fine horses, cattle and sheep, in which he was very successful. After landing on American soil he at once came to this county, where for several years he engaged in farming, having purchased 160 acres, it being the s. e. ¼ of sec. 12, Spencer township.

Upon purchasing this land he built a neat and comfortable house, a large barn and a number of out houses, expending in all something over

$2,500 in their construction. He has sixty-five acres of it under the plow, the remainder being used for pasture and meadow land. He subsequently purchased the two story building next door to Leach & Morrison, and in June, 1886, opened a book, stationery and confectionery store, which he conducted until September, 1889, when he disposed of it and his stock to Haywood Bros., and retired from Spencer business circles. He was one of the founders and one-third owner of the Rink for several years; has been connected with a large number of other Spencer enterprises and was an active citizen and a promoter of many commendable enterprises. In addition to his farm he owns a neat cottage on East Third street, which is surrounded by an acre of land. It is located in a most pleasant and desirable portion of the city. He was married in 1886 to Miss Jessie Rice. Recently Mr. Cardell accepted a position with a large wholesale establishment as traveling salesman, and removed to Little Rock, Arkansas. The object of his removal was to avoid the cold winter of the North and to be nearer to the territory over which he is to travel.

Collins Wm J, railroad contractor, residence North Side.

Since his boyhood days he has spent considerable time in traveling through the West and portions of Canada. He spent several years in the latter place and after returning from there went to Sioux City, where he remained some time and was for a time on the police force of that city. He is the owner of several business houses in Clear Lake, also a number of lots. Last fall he left for New Mexico with a railroading outtfit and will devote his time and energies to railroad work. He is an enterprising and active young man and thoroughly understands the business in which he is now engaged.

Faulkner Thomas W, clerk, residence West River.

Was born in Lawrence county, New York, April 20th, 1857, where he lived for eight years, and with his parents went to Monroe county, Wis., where he lived thirteen years on a farm. From there he went to Minnesota and lived three years, and in 1881 came to Spencer. For a time he was employed in the dray line, but the greater part of his time, since a resident of this place, he has been clerking for David Wooliscroft. He was married March 30th, 1880, to Miss Ida A. Polk. They have two children, Ida Myrtle, and Cora Susan.

Gifford James, mason and plasterer, residence First.

Was born in Waterville, Oneida county, New York, November 8th, 1837, and lived there until ten years old, when he went to Eaton Village, Madison county, and lived there until nineteen years of age, when he went to Champaign county, Illinois, and remained during the fall. From there he went to Newark, Kendall county, and stayed about two years. It was during the year 1859 that he came to Iowa and settled in Marshall county and from there to Waterloo, when he again changed his abode. This time he went to California, where for two years he had the advantages of the flush times and salubrious climate of the Pacific coast. On his return to Iowa he settled down in Marshall county again

for a brief time. From that county he went to Iowa Falls and from there back to Waterloo. For the third time he returned to Marshall county and in 1881 came to Spencer where he still lives. His life has been in a great measure filled with travels and a roving disposition, but at last finding a spot which is suited to him, he has concluded to spend the remainder of his days in Clay. He learned his trade as mason and plasterer in New York, and has continually worked at it for nearly thirty-five years and has built a number of fine buildings, among them being the Female Seminary and several blocks in Waterloo; the Glidden school house, Carroll county; the Marble block, in Marshall; the Beed block in Hampton; the Howell building in Audobon, and a number of other handsome structures. He was married in 1861 to Miss Rosseta Baker. They have living nine children, Frank, a compositor; Henry L. in partnership with his father; Myrtie, now on the stage; Fred J., Charlie, Milroy, George, Percy and Pipo Clarence; another son and a bright young man died during the summer of 1889.

Gillispie D C, railroad contractor, residence Grove.

Was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, March 29th, 1847. When but four years old both his parents died and he was left an orphan. When nine years of age, with his brother, he went to Sauk county, Wisconsin, and lived on a farm until 1864. When but seventeen he enlisted as a private in Co. E, 12th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until peace was declared between the North and South. After being honorably discharged he returned to his home and remained there until 1869, when he came to Iowa and located at Charles City and stayed there six months. Subsequently he moved to Clear Lake, and from there to Clay county. He selected a homestead in now Meadow township and for thirteen years tilled the soil. For the past five years he has been a resident of Spencer, and the greater part of these years has been engaged in railroad grade contracting in which business he has been very successful. In addition to his town property he is the owner of 520 acres of splendid farm and grazing land in Meadow township. He has 440 acres under a good state of cultivation. He early learned to depend upon his own exertions, and by his own endeavors, careful financiering and close attention to business, he has succeeded in accumulating considerable of this world's goods. Since he came to this county he has held the office of trustee of Meadow township and is at present a member of the Spencer school board. To both of these positions he has been elected against his wishes, but the people saw in him a successful business man and an enterprising citizen, and therefore demanded his services in a public capacity. He was married in July, 1867, to Miss Frances M. Gloyd. They have had seven children born to them, namely, James E., Arthur D., Edgar P., Daniel C., Maudie M., Agnes May and Roy G.

Greenslit N E, drayman, residence North Side.

Was born in Troy, New York, July 19th, 1866, but his parents shortly after that date came to Shell Rock, Iowa, where they lived ten or eleven years and then removed to Spirit Lake, and stayed five years. They

then moved to Spencer, where since that date he has been engaged in the draying business. He is a stirring young man and by his close attention to the work intrusted to him has succeeded in building up quite a good business. He is a safe and careful man and has by hard work secured what trade he now commands.

Johnson Peter, carpenter, residence corner 8th and Elm, Spencer.

He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, May 14th, 1836, and continued a resident of that city until 1859, when he emigrated to America. After arriving here he went to Fon du Lac, where he lived for twelve years Previous to his coming to this country he had received a musical education and had given instructions on the violin and had taught considerable. While in Fon du Lack he devoted his entire attention to giving musical instructions. In 1871 he came to Clay county and located on sec. 18, and owned the land on which Dickens now stands. Here he lived for five years and then moved to Spencer, since which time he has followed the occupation of a carpenter. He was married in 1868 to Miss Jesen. They have three children, Louisa, now Mrs. G. Christensen, Myron and Johnnie.

James H D, farmer, m 5-1, residence s. e. ¼ sec. 25, a560-300, P O Dickens.

He was born in Indiana in 1839, and came to this county several years ago. He is one of the most successful farmers in the county, owning a large tract of land; a good manager and a shrewd business man. He owns a fine body of land, 300 acres of which is under good cultivation. He has good buildings and is the owner of considerable stock.

Johnson C F, laundryman, Third.

Was born in Denmark, December 6th, 1856, where he lived until 1882, when he came to America to better his fortunes. Upon arriving in the country he came directly to Clay county and has since that time been a resident. He was married in 1886 to Miss Maggie Mikel. Three years ago he built a house on Third street and commenced the business of a laundryman. His work speaks for itself and has been the means of bringing him a large and extensive trade. His work is warranted to give entire satisfaction to the most fastidious and exacting. He employs several assistants.

Koch Robert L, of Palmer & Koch, dealer in hardware, Main, res East Second.

Was born in Dubuque, Feb. 15th, 1863, and lived in that city until 1880. His education was received in Dubuque, and was supplemented by a two years' course at a Chicago business college. He then returned to Dubuque, where he entered the wholesale hardware establishment of Westphal, Hinds & Co., and clerked until he came to Spencer and purchased D. B. Smyth's interest in the hardware trade and formed a partnership with H. S. Palmer. Mr. Koch is an active young business man.

He is secretary of the Masonic lodge, a position he has held for a number of years. He is the owner of 160 acres of land in Dakota and several town lots in Spencer. He was married in 1887 to Miss Lizzie Dunwell of this place.

Lewis J B, proprietor of the Gregory House.

Was born in Calhoun county, Michigan, in the month of September, 1837. When quite young his parents moved to Cold Water, Michigan, where they remained eleven years and then went to Lima, Le Grange county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming. From there he moved to Rochester, and afterwards changed his residence to Austin, Minnesota. In 1877 he came to Clay county, and settled on the w. ½ of the s. w. ¼ of sec. 4, Spencer township, and for five years pursued the occupation of a farmer. In 1882 he came to town and subsequently engaged in the hotel business. He was married in October, 1857, to Miss Charlotte Shenk. They have four children, Millie, now Mrs. Gay Baker, Fred, Ray and Roy.

Marsh Alonzo,

Born at Anson, Somerset county, Maine, on Feb. 11th, 1835, remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, removing to Washire county, Wisconsin. Soon after coming to Wisconsin, Nov. 26th, he enlisted in the eighth Wisconsin Light Artillery, serving under Gen. Rosecrans in the West and one year in Washington, and was at Stone River and other engagements. He was sergeant of his company, and was mustered out in Feb., 1865. Returning from the army he engaged in farming for three years, when he made a trip to Kansas; there losing his first wife, and, after a year's stay here returned to Wisconsin. He came to Clay county in 1884, and purchased his present farm on the s. e. ¼ sec. 24, Spencer township. Married his present wife in 1869. Mr. Marsh is among the energetic and prosperous farmers of the county, devoting much of his time to stock-raising.

Nolan James H, carpenter, P O Spencer.

Was born in Detroit, Michigan, Dec. 25th, 1841, and lived in that city until about nine years of age, when his parents moved to Jackson county, Michigan, where he remained ten years and then went to Chicago, and from that place to Kansas City, and then to Lawrence county, Kansas, and finally, after considerable wandering, settled in Sharon, Wis. Here he staved for about two years and then moved to Clear Lake. Subsequently he came to Spencer and then went to Dickinson, and from this last place returned to Spencer. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Co. I, 22nd Michigan, and served three years, and was one of the brave soldier boys that marched with Sherman to the sea. He was married in 1878 to Miss Alice E. Ellis. They have two children: Mabel M. and Lillie G. He is at present in partnership with H. J. Taber in carpentering business.

Sanders H W, farmer, res e ½ of n e ¼, sec 24, a180—180, P O Dickens.

He was born in New York in 1836, and settled in this county about ten years ago. He has been prosperous, and is one of the substantial farmers of the county. He has an excellent farm, which is well improved, with good buildings and quite a large number of head of stock.

McConnell Asa F, justice of the peace and insurance agent, office Main, res Seventh.

Among those who came to Clay county in an early day, none have been more prominently identified in shaping its course than the subject of this sketch. Born in Alleghany county, N. Y., Feb. 18th, 1844, with his parents two years later moved to La Fayette county, Wisconsin, where for twenty-three years he made his home. The greater part of these years he spent on a farm. In 1862, when the lamented Lincoln made his call for 500,000 brave, loyal and fearless sons of America to come to its defense, A. F. McConnell was among the first to respond to the call. He enlisted as a private in Co. B, 23rd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 4th, 1865. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always at the front, and ever ready to obey every call of duty. As a reward for faithfulness and strict attention to his duties as a soldier he was promoted corporal, and subsequently to sergeant. His regiment belonged to the Thirteenth Army Corps, and participated in the battles of Fort Hindman, or Arkansas Post, Chickasaw Bayou, Magnolia Springs, Champion Hills, Black River, Jackson, and the memorable siege of Vicksburg. After the surrender of that city and the transfer of a portion of the Army of the Tennessee to Chattanooga, a part of the Thirteenth Army Corps was sent to the Department of the Gulf. Among the regiments sent was the 23rd Wisconsin, which had made such a gallant and meritorious record at Vicksburg. At Carrion Crow Bayou the Army of the Gulf encountered the confederates, and after a sharp battle the latter were defeated. In this contest of arms Mr. McConnell was captured and retained as a prisoner from Nov. 3rd to Dec. 25th, 1863, when he was paroled, and was kept at Parole Camp, New Orleans, until June, 1864. After being exchanged he rejoined his regiment, and served with it in its participation in the battles and capture of Fort Blakely, Spanish Fort, and the final surrender of Alabama's strong citadel, Mobile. On receiving an honorable discharge at Mobile for duty well performed, and having the record of a true and faithful soldier, he laid aside the weapons of warfare and returned to the civil pursuits of life. For the next four years he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits in Wisconsin. In 1869 he came to Clay county, and located in Lincoln township, taking a claim under the soldier's homestead act. Here he remained for three years and then moved to Gillett's Grove, and was a resident of that township until 1881, when he came to Spencer, and has, since that date, made his home at the county seat. During his residence in this county he has been quite an office-holder. Somehow the people

seem to regard him as a safe and capable man to look after and protect their interests. Among the many positions of responsibility which he has held are those of assessor of Lincoln for one year; of Gillett's Grove three years; of Spencer four years. For three years he was a member of the board of supervisors, and the records will show that he possessed excellent judgment, was an economical and prudent member of the county legislature, and that his vote was registered on the right side of all important legislation. He at present holds the offices of city assessor and justice of the peace, and in both positions has already demonstrated his entire fitness and qualifications to justly and satisfactorily administer the duties pertaining to these difficult and exacting offices. Mr. McConnell has been a faithful member of the Grand Army Post of this place, and has held the office of commander one year, and proved himself to be a most excellent executive officer. He is the agent for a number of standard fire and life insurance companies, whose responsibility cannot be questioned. Those who insure in the companies represented by him are in every sense safe to the extent of their risks. He also deals in real estate, and has a large and choice list of cultivated and uncultivated farm lands for sale, which he takes pleasure in showing to those in search of homes or for investments. He gives special and the closest attention to collections, and any notes or accounts given in his charge are not only safe but are sure to receive the minutest and careful attention. Mr. McConnell has proven himself to be a valiant defender of his country, an upright and honorable citizen, a trustworthy and safe official, and a business man of marked and sagacious ability. He was married January 28th, 1872, to Miss Julia A. Bridgman. They have four children: Carrie L., Minnie B., Edna L. and Daisy C. Mr. McConnell is the owner of a farm, containing 228 acres of fine tillable land, in Gillett's Grove township, on which are good buildings and 100 acres under cultivation.

McCoy J C, mason, res Grove.

Was born on Prince Edward's Island, July 4th, 1838, and moved to Walworth county, Wisconsin, with his parents, when 8 years old. From there they moved to Trempealeau county, of the same state, and made that his home until his removal to Iowa. During his residence in Wisconsin he learned the mason trade, and worked at it for a number of years. Soon after the declaration of war between the north and the south, he enlisted in the First Wisconsin Light Artillery, and served with his battery for three years, and for gallantry and efficiency was promoted sergeant. Soon after receiving his discharge he re-enlisted in the 46th Wisconsin Veteran Volunteer Infantry as second lieutenant, and served until April, 1865, when he was mustered out. Soon after his return to Trempealeau county he was elected sheriff, and held that office four years. In 1871 he came to Spencer, and since that period has worked at his trade. He has held a number of local offices of importance. He was married in 1864 to Miss Elizabeth Cadwell. They have two children: Luman C. and Archie A. He participated with his regiment in every

battle and skirmish during his nearly four years' experience as a soldier, and has an honorable and creditable record.

Mack F W, liveryman and member of Mack Bros, Main, res Third.

Was born in North Hampton, Penn., Feb. 22nd, 1857. With his parents he went first to Albion, Michigan, and subsequently to Davis, Stephenson county, where for sixteen years he made his home, and engaged in farming. In 1883 he came to this county, and located in Lincoln township and followed the vocation of farmer for five years, and then moved to Spencer. He and his brother, in 1888, purchased the livery stable owned by Geo. H. Ward, and at once began the business of liverymen. This stable is of large dimensions, being 56 feet wide and 120 feet in length, with a capacity of stabling sixty head of horses, besides affording room for storing from forty to fifty vehicles. It is a three-story building, substantially built, and has, in addition to the stalls for the horses, accommodations for buggies and carriages, large lofts for storing grain and hay, and offices. It contains a number of rooms in the second story for living purposes. This firm has eight teams, and buggies, carriages, sleighs and cutters. Their outfits are excellent, their prices uniformly low, and their manner of dealing with their patrons so pleasant that it commands a large and leading trade. They make it a point to keep their stables and teams in excellent condition, and endeavor to meet the demands of their customers, and therefore merit the lucrative business that has come to them. F. W. Mack was married in January, 1882, to Miss Florence Brown. They have one child, Mary Brownie. He is the owner of 320 acres of well-improved land in Lincoln township, 300 of which is under an excellent state of cultivation.

Mack A S Dr, veterinary surgeon and member of the firm of Mack Bros, liverymen, Main.

Was born in North Hampton county, Penn., Aug. 15th, 1861, where he remained until about two years old, when his parents moved to Albion, Michigan, and lived a couple of years. They then removed to Davis, Stephenson county, Illinois, and the doctor remained in that place for twenty-three years. During this time he devoted his attention to the study of the diseases peculiar to horses and the necessary remedies. After several years of careful preparation and close study, he began the practice of this profession. In 1888 he came to Clay county, and in company with his brother, F. W. Mack, purchased a livery stable in Spencer. Dr. Mack is a thorough veterinary surgeon, a good business man, understands the livery business thoroughly, and is a genial gentleman. He was married in 1884 to Miss Mary A. Stegner. They have two children: Maudie Estella and Glossie Belle.

Merritt Jacob, merchant, Main, res North Main.

Was born in Duchess county, New York, in 1826. When but four years old, his parents moved to Madison county of that State, where he lived until 1864. He lived with his parents and worked on a farm until

twenty-one years of age, when he went into the mercantile trade in De Ruyter. Here he resided a number of years, and then removed to Syracuse and engaged in office and merchandising business until 1871, when he came to Clay county. Upon his arrival in Spencer, he at once erected a store building and opened a stock of general merchandise. This building was on the lots where now stands one of the buildings in which C. E. Adams is located. Here for seven years he engaged in trade. In the fall of 1880 he built the double two-story frame building now owned by Charles Adams, and removed his stock to the south room. Over this was a hall, in which for a number of years was held theatres, balls and other public gatherings. During the year 1885, he had constructed the building which he at present occupies. When Mr. Merritt came to Spencer, there were two other firms engaged in the same line of trade. They were Peeso & Burgin and Goodwin & Tuttle. The first-named discontinued the business a great many years ago, while the latter firm sold out in June, 1878. He is, therefore, the only one of those commencing business the year the town was platted, that has continuously engaged in that branch of trade to the present time. In fact he is the only man who was in trade in 1871, that is at present conducting a store in Spencer. Consequently he is the pioneer merchant of the pioneers. He has pursued a remarkably even course, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community and the respect of his competitors. He is rather reserved, yet to those who know him best, he is quite free in conversation. He is a great reader, and has pronounced views on every subject which interests. He is liberal in his ideas, and equally as liberal in permitting others to differ from him. Mr. Merritt held the position of treasurer of the Independent District of Spencer for a number of years, was one of the commissioners appointed by Judge Duffie to call an election to vote upon the incorporation of Spencer, and also held the office of a member of the Board of Supervisors, by appointment, for one year. He is associated in business with his son Charles J., and carry a large and most complete line of all the necessary and staple articles in demand at a general store. This firm has a large trade, and have many customers who have patronized them for the past nineteen years. Mr. Merritt is the owner of a handsome residence, which is located in the north part of town. He was married in 1856 to Miss Sarah J. Sutton. They have four children: Ludley S., now a compositor on the *Dubuque Times*, Charles J., a member of the firm of J. Merritt & Son, Henry B., who is at present clerking for them, and Alfred H.

Merritt Charles J, of J Merritt & Son, res Fourth.

Was born in De Ruyter, N. Y., in 1859, and with his parents moved to Syracuse, and also came with them to Spencer in 1871. After attending the public schools of Spencer for a number of years, he entered his father's store and clerked for a while, and then worked at the printer's trade for about six or eight months. In 1882 he went west, but was taken seriously sick after several months and was brought back. In 1883 he was admitted as his father's partner, and since that period has

been actively engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was married in March, 1884, to Miss Bertha Martin. They have one child, Mildred.

SPENCER PREPARATORY INSTITUTE.

Among the permanent institutions of Spencer, none are more worthy of consideration or of greater importance than the Preparatory School which is under the superintendency of Mrs. Phoebe Lincoln. This institute was established January 10th, 1886, with an enrollment of only six pupils. The object for which it came into existence was to meet the demands of a large and increasing number of both young men and women, "who are looking for instruction which shall be so given as to render them independent thinkers and practical workers." It had for its further object, the preparation and thorough equipment of those who contemplated teaching and its final purpose was to arrange a course of instruction which should be more advanced than the public schools, and embrace the higher mathematics, the classics, English literature, business and commercial law and vocal culture. The establishment of such an institution was far from being an easy task. It not only required most excellent judgment, accurate and keen discernment, but a careful, skilled and experienced teacher to conduct and place it upon a solid financial and permanent basis. Before embarking in this educational enterprise, Mrs. Lincoln had carefully weighed the probabilities, and had equally as carefully estimated the ultimate permanency and success of her great undertaking. That she has succeeded, even under adverse circumstances and criticisms, is a high tribute to her ability as a teacher, and her management and skill in an executive capacity. Her task was not an easy one, but from the first she manifested her aptitude and ability to preside over the destinies of the institute. The school was at once graded and took on a definite form, and a systematic course of training was commenced that has been strictly adhered to from its beginning to the present time. Her method of instruction is similar to that adopted in the State Normal academies and colleges, where the pupils must depend largely upon themselves and their knowledge of their subject or problem they are discussing or demonstrating, outside of the words of the book. Thus giving a course of mental training which not only stimulates all the faculties, but trains the mind to reason from cause to effect, cultivates and improves and prepares it to encounter and measure the practical things of life. During the first year the largest enrollment at any one time was seventeen. But so rapid and marked had been their mental improvement, and so well pleased were they with the skill and methods of instruction adopted by Mrs. Lincoln, that her fame as an instructress spread throughout the county, and the school year of 1887 shows that the number enrolled reached seventy-five. This was a most pleasant and profitable year to the persons receiving instructions. Mrs. Lincoln, however, found the task of giving instruction to so many was far too onerous and was therefore compelled to secure assistance. The school year of 1888 opened most auspiciously for the institute, as the records indicate there were catalogued 150 pupils. It had now become an assured success and those in search of instruction in the more advanced

branches of study, accertained that every facility would be afforded them in the Spencer Preparatory Institute. The large and increased enrollment gave it a fresh impetus and required better facilities for the accommodation and instruction of its patrons. The work of that year ended most satisfactorily and beneficially. The school year of 1889 began a short time ago with an enrollment far in excess of any previous year, and necessitated, on acconnt of increased patronage, larger and more commodious quarters. The Rink, a large building on the corner of Main and Second streets, was leased by the business men of Spencer in recognition of the work done by Mrs. Lincoln, and is used as a general school room, and where the major portions of the recitations are heard. Rooms on the opposite side of the street are also used in connection with the Rink. Its present curriculum embraces a preparatory, classical and scientific course of instruction. The normal department has a course of study most admirably arranged for those who contemplate teaching. The studies and text-books are selected with a view to thoroughly prepare the pupil to meet every requirement of a teacher in the common schools of Iowa. As stated in the circular issued by the institute, there is a demand for well-trained teachers and special attention will be given to this course. The literary course consists of the higher Mathematics, Latin, German, Greek, Ancient History, English Literature, Political and Civil Government, Ch-mistry and Rhetoric. A most thorough, complete and practical course of Book-keeping and Commercial Law is given, thus affording the student the opportunity to prepare and familiarize himself with the practical methods in use in all the various branches of business. In the musical department Vocal and Instrumental instruction will be given; also Piano Tuning, Sight Singing, etc. The Institute, in fact, embraces every advantage and opportunity afforded in the ordinary college or academy, or even the normal school. Its faculty consists of the following well-known teachers:

Mrs. Phoebe Lincoln—Mathematics, physics, latin, civil government and elocution

Miss Imogene Lincoln—Rhetoric, grammar, orthography.

Mrs. Frankie Skinner—History, geography, physiology.

Miss Hattie S. Goodell—Music—instrumental, vocal, harmony.

Mr. Frank Calkins—English literature.

Mr. C. E. Allsbrow—Telegraphy.

Special instruction for Greek, German and Chemistry.

Mrs. Lincoln is a lady of rare attainments, highly cultured and thoroughly wedded to her profession and possesses that rare but happy faculty of conveying knowledge and thoroughly impressing it upon the minds of her pupils. She has proven herself to be a thorough and indefatigable worker. Sustaining the high reputation of the institute, and being a close observer and student of the school room at all times and all places, she has attained and maintains a reputation of being a superior teacher, and possessing administrative qualities of an extraordinary character. She is assisted in her grand and noble work by teachers whose departments are suited to the various needs of the pupils.

Each one is earnest, active and has broad and liberal views of education. They are of acknowledged ability, of ripe experience, and are emolous of attaining the high standard of excellence.

The school year is divided into terms as follows: Fall term beginning Sept. 16th, 1889. Winter term beginning Dec. 30th, 1889.

TERMS:—The tuition during the fall term will be $3.00 per month Winter term of fourteen weeks, $10.00 or $1.00 per week for those wishing to attend by the week.

Students will, however, be received at any time during the school year and accommodated with classes to meet their wants. Full information will be given upon personal application, or by letter, and every possible effort rendered to facilitate the most rapid progress of those in attendance.

The inititute is indeed a credit to Spencer, and the community, and is itself a sufficient commentary upon the intelligent liberality of Clay connty.

THE SPENCER ROLLER MILLS.

Among the early manufacturing industries of Clay county, none have been subjected to greater changes, or passed through the hands of so many operators as the Spencer mill. As early as 1869, G. D. Marcellus, one of the pioneers of this country, perceiving the great natural water powers of the Little Sioux River, decided to purchase and utilize it. He therefore secured the right of way, and immediately took steps to construct a mill. It was an exceedingly difficult undertaking, and was not accomplished without great labor and an outlay of many thousands of dollars, as the prices of lumber and machinery were both very high at that time; besides they had to be transported overland at a great expense. However, the mill was constructed, and has since that period supplied large quantities of flour and feed to the farmers and inhabitants of this section. The great obstacle in the way of the mill attaining a greater degree of notoriety, is largely due to the fact that it had not kept pace with the times, or been provided with modern appliances and all the improvements which are necessary to make any and all grades of flour. The managers had relied wholly upon the water power as a propelling force, resulting in many days of idleness, caused by either low or high water and the breaking up of winter, when immense quantities of ice floated down the stream and prevented the operation of the mill. These elements were of great disadvantage and detrimental to the interests not only of the mill, but to its owners and managers. These impediments caused the mill, in a measure, to lose largely of its patronage, and limited its products more to a local, rather than to a general market. It was, therefore, simply equal to the demand, but to make it profitable, this demand was insufficient. It was apparent to a miller of experience, skill and possessed of the necessary business sagacity, to comprehend at a glance, that the mill required new and modern machinery and appliances for operating it, in case the natural forces could not be utilized. When Messrs. Tryon & Bruntlett came to Spencer, they at

once saw that there was a grand opening and an excellent territory for a first-class mill. They began negotiation for the plant, and as soon as they had effected a purchase, they immediately bought every appliance and device used in the manufacture of the best grades of flour, meal and feed, and as soon as it arrived, with a large force of mechanics, they began placing it in the mill. The purchase and setting of this machinery was attended by a large expense, but the owners have great confidence in its future success, and the ultimate establishment of a large and lucrative trade. The mill, including the basement, is a four-story building, and although built many years ago, is a substantial and solid structure. It is now thoroughly equipped in every particular, and is pronounced one of the best mills in Northwestern Iowa. The system in use is the Wilford & Norway make, of Minneapolis, a firm acknowledged to be leaders in mill machinery, and if not the best, it is equal to any at present in the market. In the basement is located the smutters, cockle mills and other cleaning and purifying machines. On the first floor are the five 6x20 double rollers, arranged in a row extending nearly across the building. Then there are the separators, the feed departments, consisting of two run of buhrs, and the sacking machine. On the second floor is found most of the machinery used for separating and classifying the flour, comprising three purifiers; three centrifugal reels, three round reels, a grader and purifier for corn meal, rye and other flour; also a rye reel, three cyclone dust collectors, and bins for storing grain. In the third or last floor can be seen four eclipse scalpers, a double centrifugal reel and other necessary machinery. These are all enclosed in such a manner that they are protected from any outside dust or dirt. There are 23 elevators running from bottom to top. They have a fifty-horse power engine of excellent make, which is ready for use in case the water power is insufficient to run the mill. The water course is usually all that is necessary, and is equivalent to an eighty-horse power engine. They manufacture various grades of flour—the common, half-patent, and fancy patent, which has no superior in the market, and which this firm defies any mill to excel either for strength or purity. Mr. Bruntlett is a miller of over twenty years' experience, and has an established reputation for skill and efficiency, and is a master in his trade. Mr. Tryon is a business man in all that term implies. With such men at the head of this industry it must succeed and eventually build up a reputation that will eclipse all of its competitors. Located in an agricultural country, surrounded by a populous and producing community, this firm has a broad and fertile field of operation seldom afforded. Although comparative strangers, they have made a favorable impression and have secured the good will, confidence and co-operation of the business men of Spencer in their efforts to establish the best mill in Iowa.

NOAH'S ARK RESTAURANT.

Spencer is well supplied with hotels and restaurants which seek to cater to the wants of home and the traveling public. In this important line of entertainment none are more successfully conducted or have met with a greater degree of favor than Noah's Ark, under the management

of N. W. Cunningham—a pleasing and affable man, a genial and accommodating host. The Noah's Ark is located in the central part of the town, admirably arranged and possessed of all the necessary conveniences, and is recognized as a most desirable place to board. Its tables are supplied with all that is tempting, and served in the most inviting manner. In connection with the restaurant there is a bakery, presided over by a first-class baker, and his pies, cakes and bread are noted for their freshness, richness and excellence. In this particular line Mr. Cunningham, the proprietor, is prepared to serve wedding parties, or public entertainments, with a spread that will please the palates of the most exacting of epicureans. There is also a most splendid line of native and imported canned fruits, of every description, also a complete supply of confectionery, embracing everything from the finest and most delicious of candies to the common stick. His whole aim and object is to meet the many and varied wants of his patrons, and that he has been remarkably successful is attested by the many complimentary remarks and his constant and growing patronage. Noah's Ark is an ornament and an advantage to Spencer. Meals are served at all hours, and regular meals are in waiting for the day and week boarders. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Cunningham for his untiring efforts in providing the town with a first-class restaurant, or his ceaseless labors to please and meet every want of those who patronize him. During the summer ice-cream of a superior quality and excellent flavor is served, also cold and hot temperance drinks in their season.

GILLETT'S GROVE.

Gillett's Grove township was organized in 1873, being taken from Lincoln township, and is composed of congressional township number 95 of range 36. Its chief physical features are the rolling prairies and the Little Sioux river. The former has a deep, rich soil, which annually yields a heavy growth of native grasses and of all cultivated crops, when the soil is subdued from its native state. The river extends the entire distance across the township from north to south through the eastern tier of sections. Its valley is about one-half mile wide between the base of bluffs, which are nearly fifty feet high, receding most too abruptly to be easily cultivated, though entirely covered with grass where there is no timber, and is cut through in many places by the smaller watercourses, which effects the drainage of the prairies. The principal ones are Lexington creek from the west, named after the town of New Lexington, a town staked out upon the east half of section 22, and the west half of section 23, some time before the Indian outbreak of 1857. Elk creek from the east, deriving its name from the lake of the same name, which it drains, and Lime Creek from the southeast, called so from a lime-kiln on its banks, operated in an early day by Asa and Isaac Johnson. In this township, along the river bottom and the bluffs, and

in the ravines, is one of the largest bodies of native timber in the county. The kinds of wood were burr oak, black walnut, elm, tin-tight bark hickory, ash and soft maple. In the best body of this timber the Gilletts built their houses and began improvements for a home in 1856, previous to the Indian depredations, but afterwards were driven away. A depression less than two feet, which was a small cellar, marks the place where the log house stood, and where scattered about are pieces of glass, dishes, crockery and nails. The house was burnt after Gillett and his family had made their escape. From the Grove and the timber skirting the river the surrounding settlers supplied themselves with fuel and building material for a distance of twelve miles. In the summer of 1872 P. M. Moore erected a saw mill on the river at the lower end of the Grove, where the most of the timber suitable for lumber was sawed. The mill has since been converted into a feed mill, and is owned by D. E. Pierce. When the township was organized, the settlement consisted of A. W. Greene, E. C. Greene, S. Gray, E. Reed, D. C. Palmer, J. Garretson, S. E. Beven, A. F. McConnell, John Stephens, Stephen Wilson, R. Taber, John McPherson, Wm. Wilson, W. W. Moore, P. M. Moore, A. A. Adams, John Mills, Jasper Messenger, J. P. Evans, and their families. Also D. C. Palmer, Aaron Bates, Oscar Hodgin, E. H. Crandall, D. H. King and John O. Evans.

When W. W. and P. M. Moore settled at Gillett's Grove, in the summer of 1866, the nearest postoffice was Peterson, twenty miles away. The nearest flour mill was Estherville, thirty-five miles. The best trading place—Fort Dodge—seventy-five miles. The nearest railroad—Iowa Falls—was one hundred and twenty miles. There were no bridges across the river, or any of the sloughs or mud holes, hence a journey for supplies or any business was attended with many troubles and difficulties. Especially in the spring and fall it was difficult to cross these sloughs when they were well filled with water, and the ground very soft. The journey was no less dangerous or unpleasant in the winter time, owing to the distance between the places of shelter and the deep snows. The only cheering points along the route to Fort Dodge was the stopping places, which were few and quite a distance apart. There was one place on this long journey where not a house or a tree could be seen for forty miles, and when the ground was covered with snow but a faint trace would be left to guide the traveler towards his destination. As soon as it could be done a mail route was established, and secured an office at Gillett's Grove. P. M. Moore was appointed postmaster in 1867. A few years afterwards he resigned, and his father, W. W. Moore, was appointed, who is still postmaster. The office has been changed to Gillett. In 1871 an office was established on the same route on section 30, named Greenville, of which A. W. Green was appointed postmaster, and has held the office since that time. The citizens of this township are mostly from Wisconsin, Illinois and other parts of this State. They are intelligent and enterprising, mostly church members, belonging principally to the Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Friends denominations. The last have a good church at Greenville. The township has settled up more

slowly than some other parts of the county, owing to the fact that most of the land has been owned by non-residents, having purchased it from the Government in 1857 But there has been a gradual improvement from year to year, the opening of new farms and the planting of artificial groves, which grow rapidly, and are seen in every direction. Some of the earliest planted have grown fifty feet high. The people are engaged in farming and raising cattle, horses and hogs. Very few men who have been industrious and persevering have failed to do well. The early settler drove a team of oxen and lived in a sod house. This was made by first selecting a piece of ground covered with a tough sod, and plowing it with a breaking plow, then cutting the sods thus turned over in lengths about two feet long. These pieces were then laid into a wall, after the manner of laying brick, until the wall was about two feet thick on the bottom, a foot and one-half thick at the top, and about six feet high. Then a strong post was set in the centre, extending about three feet, more or less, above the walls, according to the size of the house. Upon the top of this post one end of other poles or rafters were laid and the other ends on the walls at proper intervals. Then willow brush was laid across these rafters, then hay upon the willows, and upon the hay sods were tightly laid, and afterwards the whole was plastered over with clay mortar, and with some hay thinly spread upon the ground inside of the house it was ready for occupancy. A house thus constructed, although rude, furnished shelter and comfort for its occupants, and the earlier inhabitants appreciated their sod shanties, as the pelting storms beat down upon their roofs. Although cheap, they were comfortable, and in fact were all that could be had during the first years of the settlement of this country. Many of the children, now young men and women, remember the happy days they spent in the sod house. But now they are driving fine horses, living in painted frame and brick houses and feeding their stock in commodious barns, under the shelter of the nice large trees they have planted for wind breakers and protection from storms. The storms in the winter upon the shelterless prairie, were sorely felt by the people more in the early settlement than at the present time, because of the greater distance between places. In the winter of 1867 and 1868 a man named Parish came to Gillett's Grove to see his daughter, who was working for a family. He started from Okoboji Lake in the morning, intending to walk to the Grove, expecting to reach there before evening. Darkness, however, overtook him, and instead of reaching the Grove he passed by it. After wandering around several hours, he found an empty house, which was only about a mile from the place he wished to reach. He entered it, but did not have the means to light a fire, and therefore spent the night as best he could. He walked and jumped, laid down, and in fact did everything to keep from freezing. When day came he began his journey, but was unable to find a house until noon. When he came to W. W. Moore's, it was found that his feet were so badly frozen that they had to be amputated.

In the winter of 1869 a young man named Con, started for Spirit Lake early one morning, taking a lunch, expecting to walk there that

day. Soon after he started it began to snow, and within an hour it was snowing and drifting so furiously that it was impossible for him to proceed farther. He could neither proceed nor return, as he became so bewildered, and did not know which direction to take. He therefore walked back and forth all one day and night. At one time he attempted to crawl or dig into a snow drift and let the snow cover him. But he became chilly and returned to his path, which as the snow piled upon it, became so high that he would fall off, and had to make another. In the morning it cleared away, and he made his way to the river, where he discovered a wood cutter's shanty and found something to eat. He succeeded in reaching the lakes, never once laying down his axe, which he carried while battling with the furious storm. Upon arriving at the lakes, he found friends, and was carefully cared for, but the heroic struggles of that bitter cold and stormy day and night were far too great for his physical strength, and within a few short weeks his remains were deposited in their last resting place.

Another man, named Laughlin, was hunting deer on a fine, clear winter day, and after securing one, hung it up in a tree in the grove, and started home. A place was found where he broke through the ice on the river and evidently wet his feet. Further on his gun was found leaning against a tree. He never reached home. Early in the evening a terrible storm came on, and he must have been overtaken by it. His remains were found in the spring where the high water had washed them ashore, about a mile further down, and about two miles from his home.

In June of 1881 a hurricane swept across the township from the northwest. It broke down one hundred native trees in Moore's grove. It partially unroofed P. M. Moore's barn; moved Simon Brollier's house from its foundation, nearly demolished Mr. Newton's house, and tore David Brollier's house all to pieces, which was only finished the day before. The neighbors came and replaced the house, which is standing and occupied to-day. Many other small buildings and out-houses and sheds were more or less injured or destroyed. This was the most destructive storm of that kind the people of this township ever felt. One tornado in the summer of 1886 passed over from the south to nearly north, touching lightly, but hurting nothing until farther on. One hail storm crossed the northwest corner of the township, and almost entirely destroyed the crops when it struck. The cornstalks were completely stripped, and the small grain almost all knocked off. Gardens were destroyed and the grass laid low.

GILLETT'S GROVE DIRECTORY.

A method of abbreviation has been used in the preparation of this directory, which is as follows:

m for married.

m 2, or any figure, indicates that the person is married, and has two or more in the family.

m 2—1, shows that he is married, has two in the family, and has one person in his employ.

sec. stands for section.

ne ¼ for the northeast quarter, etc., and indicates on what part of the section the person lives. The figure following the location of the residence gives the number of acres of land owned, and the second, or the figures following the dash, the number of acres he has under cultivation; r stands for renter.

Abbey W E, was born in Michigan, in 1857, and came to this county in 1881. Owns 160 acres; 95 acres under cultivation. Employs one man to assist. Married, and has two children. P O Spencer.

Adams W W, born in Grant Co, Wis, in 1861, owns 80 acres; 30 under cultivation; lives on the se ¼ sec 11; married, 3 in the family, P O Spencer.

Adams A L, farmer, renter, m 2, sw ¼ sec 34, c100 acres, born in Wis, 1865, P O Greenville.

Adair G M, farmer, born in Benton Co, Iowa, in 1866, m 3—1, r40, came to Clay in 1866, se ¼ sec 36, P O Spencer.

All Peter, farmer, m 5, nw ¼ sec 17, a160—c70, born in New York 1844, came to Clay in 1887 from Wis, P O Annieville.

Anderson James, farmer, m 2, se ¼ of se ¼ sec 5, a80—c70, born in Denmark.

Anderson Charles, farmer, m 4, ne ¼ sec 15, a80—c30, born in Sweden, came to Clay in 1885, P O Spencer.

Anderson N M, farmer, m 6, sw ¼ sec 10, a160—130, born in Sweden in 1845, came to Clay in 1884 from Illinois, P O Spencer.

Anderson J V, farmer, m 7, se ¼ sec 10, a160—160, born in Sweden 1842, came to Clay in 1884, P O Spencer.

Ballard A E, farmer, m 4, se ¼ sec 6, r240, born in Sweden 1863, P O Spencer.

Bargloff A L, farmer, m 3, se ¼ sec 33, a300—190, born in Sweden 1864, came to Clay in 1871, from Ills, P O Greenville.

Bargloff G, farmer, m 5, se ¼ sec 31, a160—160, born in Sweden, came to Clay in 1871, P O Greenville.

Berner John H, farmer, m 4, nw ¼ sec 5, 176—70, came to Clay in 1884.

Brown E M, farmer, m 8, se ¼ sec 24, a160—90, born in Montgomery co. in 1846, came to Clay in 1884, P O Gillett.

Bowers John, farmer, m 7, nw ¼ sec 31, part of a230—170, born in Holland in 1840, came to Clay in 1883, P O Greenville.

Bowers Peter, farmer, s, nw ¼ sec 31, part of a230—170, born in Wis, came to Clay in 1883.

Brallier Simon, farmer, m 7, se ¼ sec 3, r85, born in Indiana 1858, came to Clay in 1882, P O Spencer.

Brallier David, farmer, m 10, sw ¼ sec 33, a160—160, born in Ohio, came to Clay in 1882.

Bunker Oscar, farmer, m 6, ne ¼ sec 31, a77, born in Wayne co, Indiana, 1849, removed to Wis, came here in 1880, P O Greenville.

Christenson Peter, farmer, m 5, nw ¼ sec 4, a98—75, born in Denmark 1855, came to Clay in 1888, P O Spencer.

Clarke W Z, farmer, m 3—2, ne ¼ sec 21, a160—125, born in Tama co 1858, P O Greenville.

Collins H L, farmer, m 4, sw ¼ sec 31, a160—90, born in Illinois in 1856, came to Clay in 1886, from Clinton co, P O Greenville.

E. H. Crandall was born in Putnam, Connecticut, in 1847. In 1871 he came from Keokuk Co., Iowa, to Clay Co., and settled on a homestead on sec 6, Gillett's Grove township, and in 1881 removed to his present location. He was married to Miss Mattie McPherson, of Iowa Falls, in 1875. The contrast between the eighty-acre homestead and sod shanty and the 480-acre improved farm is one illustration only of Mr. Crandall's energy and business tact. He now holds the office of secretary of the "Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Association of Clay Co.," and township treasurer. Mr. Crandall is possessed of more than an ordinary amount of energy, in fact he is brimful of it, and his great success as a farmer and stock-raiser is largely attributable to this and his thorough knowledge of business and business methods. Gillett's Grove has no better nor more public-spirited citizen.

Davis Wilson, farmer, m 3—1, e ½ of se ¼ sec 32, a160—160, born in North Carolina in 1822, and came to Clay in 1885, P O Greenville.

Dubois Peter, farmer, m 6, se ¼ sec 4, a160—100, born in New York in 1849, and came to Clay county way back in 1864 and has since been a resident, P O Spencer.

Eckley J H, farmer, m 6, n ½ of sw ¼ sec 30, r a80—80, born in Ohio, came here in 1878, P O Greenville.

Emerson R, farmer, m 3, n ½ of ne ¼ sec 2, a120—30, born in New Hampshire in 1843, came to Clay in 1879 from Vermont, P O Spencer.

Evans John M, farmer, m 5, ne ¼ sec 23, r160—100, born in Wales in 1835, P O Gillett.

Ford H B, farmer, m 2, nw ¼ sec 7, born in N. Y. in 1855, r, P.O. Spencer.

Fraley C W, farmer, m 3, n ½ of se ¼ sec 8, born in Indiana, came to Clay in 1883 from Colorado, r a50—50.

Green Sarah, w 2, s ½ se ¼ sec 30, a80—80, born in Grant Co. Wis., P O Greenville.

Green E, farmer, m 3—1, n ½ of se ¼ sec 32, a160—60, born in Indiana in 1866, P O Greenville.

Greene Albert W, was born in Clinton Co., Ohio, Feb. 20th, 1845. He received a common school education, and in May, 1867, came to Marshall Co., Iowa, removing thence to Clay Co. in 1869, homesteading the s ½ of sw ¼ of sec 30, Gillett's Grove township, where he has resided continuously. Greeneville P O was established at his place July 1st, 1871, he being appointed postmaster, and is still serving in that capacity. He began a general merchandise business at Greenville in 1886, which has proven reasonably successful. During the early years on the homestead ers he taught the district school in the winter. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace since the organization of the township in 1873, and upon the forming of "The Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Association of Clay Co.," he was elected its president. He married Miss Lizzie Stanfield in Nov., 1868, who is still living. Mr. Greene is a member of the Friends Church, and an earnest encourager of all public enterprises.

Greene E C, farmer, m 3, n ½ of se ¼, sec 30, a160—160, born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1831, P O Greenville.

Greene E C, farmer, m 5, P O Greenville, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1831. He received his education in a select school in Martinsburg, Ohio. After thoroughly preparing himself he entered the profession of teacher, and for twenty-five years gave his best talents and time to instructing and preparing the youthful minds for the stern realities of life. As an instructor he has been very successful, and has a record that stamps him as a teacher possessing peculiar and strong faculties for that branch of work. In 1864 he moved to Hendricks county, Indiana, where he held the position of station agent for three years. He resigned this position, and for the next two years engaged in the dry goods trade. Upon retiring from this branch of mercantile industry he moved to Marshall county and held the responsible position of principal of an academy for three terms. Deciding to immigrate westward, he chose from the many counties then in process of development and settlement Clay county. His knowledge of the country led him to make this selection, because he knew that it was not only the best but that it was being populated by a thrifty and intelligent class of people. He selected the place on which he now lives, and for the past twenty years has been a resident of this county. Since his residence in this county he has taught school a number of terms, has served his township in a public capacity, and has been a farmer and stock-raiser of considerable prominence. He is one of the few who came to Clay in an early day, braved its hardships, endured its privations, and now shares in its triumphs. He is a man thoroughly posted on the living issues of the day, well acquainted with all the current events, and a man of strong convictions and pronounced views. He is a strong republican, who believes in no retrograde movements, an earnest and life-long and devout member of the Friends Church, and a citizen against whom none can say aught. He was married in 1856 to Miss E. P. Harvey, of Warren county, Ohio. They have raised a family of five children, three of whom are now living. He is a public-spirited citizen, a kind and generous neighbor, and is considerate of the welfare of his community.

Hitsman M B, farmer, m 6, e½ of sw ¼, sec 6, 80—80, born in New York in 1835, came to Clay in 1881 from Illinois, P O Spencer.

Hoberg H H, farmer, m 4-1; ne ¼, sec 10, a160—80, born in Peru City, Ill., in 1857, came to Clay county in 1889, P O Spencer.

Horine E M, farmer, m 2, sw ¼, sec 18, a80—80, born in Sauk county, Wis., in 1853, came to Clay in 1882, P O Greenville.

Howard M H, farmer, m 4-1, ne ¼, sec 1, a80—50, born in Illinois in 1856, came to Clay in 1884; he also rents 175, of which he cultivates 120, P O Dickens.

Jonas Fred, farmer, m 2, sw ¼, sec 4, r 80, born in Germany. P O Spencer.

Johnson W W, farmer, m 5, ne ¼, sec 16, a160—60, born in Indiana, came to Clay from Benton county in 1888, P O Spencer.

Keckler M B, farmer, m 2, ne ¼, sec 9, r 40, born in Illinois, P O Spencer.

Kerber Charles, farmer, m 2, sw ¼, sec 19, P O Greenville.

Langham Frank, farmer, m 6, nw ¼, sec 17, a160—160, was born in England in 1843, and followed railroading for a great length of time; was freight conductor for a number of years, came to this county in 1886. P O Spencer.

Mahone B W, farmer, m 6-1, nw ¼, sec 8, r 160—45, born in Germany in 1857, came to Clay in 1886, from Sigourney, Iowa, P O Annieville.

Moore A R, farmer, s, se ¼, sec 23, r 80, born in this township in 1866, P O Gillett.

Mills J P, was born January 11, 1845, in Juniata county, Pa., and moved with his parents to La Fayette county, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1846. He worked on a farm and attended country schools until the fall of 1864, when he entered the army as a private in Co. E, Forty-third regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged July, 1865. He then followed the occupation of a farmer, and was married to Elizabeth J. Sprague on the 19th day of December, 1867. He moved to Carroll county, Iowa, in the spring of 1869. He removed to Clay county in January, 1870. Lived on rented land until the spring of 1874, when he located on the west half of southeast quarter, section 32, 95, 36, where he has since resided, except two years on his father's farm in Herdland township. He was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors of Clay county, November 7th, 1882, and served three years, and is at present serving the second term as Township Clerk of Gillett's Grove township. He was elected each time without a dissenting vote. He is also Secretary of the Clay County Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Mills has also served the people in the office of School Director for about ten years. As a member of the Board of Supervisors Mr. Mills was a careful, painstaking and economical legislator, and served the people with a fidelity that he has ever done in all the public positions he has ever held. He is regarded by all who know him as a careful, conscientious and upright citizen and an energetic and successful farmer.

Moore W. W. The subject of this sketch was born in the State of Delaware, January 6th, 1813, in Essex county. When twelve years old his parents moved to Ohio, and located at Zanesville on the Muskingum river. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed to a master mechanic and house builder to learn the trade, at which he worked the most of his life time. In the spring of 1836 he moved to Rock Island, Illinois, traveling on a flour boat—a large flat boat used to float flour from Zanesville to New Orleans. He went in this way as far as the falls of the Ohio, or Louisville, Ky., then by steamboat to the Mississippi, thence north on that river to Rock Island, then called Stephenson. At that time there were not six houses in the place, and part of these poorly constructed log houses. There he worked at the carpenter's trade for about five years. In the meantime—in 1838—he went back to Ohio, and married his present wife, who is still living. In November of 1840 he moved to Wisconsin. He made several trips back to Rock Island, which had grown to a large town, where he had accumulated considerable property. In 1837 he was present at the treaty Gov. Dodge, of Wisconsin, held with the Sac and Fox Indians at Davenport for a reservation, where Blackhawk and other chiefs were present. At this treaty Mr. Moore says there were about 3,000 Indians and thirty white men present. In relating the story of this meeting he gave the following minute description of Black Hawk, who at that time was the great central figure among the Indians, and was regarded by them as a citizen of the United States. He states that Black Hawk was dressed in black broadcloth clothes, had on a fur hat, a white shirt, and wore a white cravat and calfskin boots. He was not seated with the Indian warriors, but stood at the left of Gov. Dodge. The pipe of peace was smoked, first by the Governor, then by Chief Keokuk; then it was passed to the warriors, and finally to Black Hawk. Governor Dodge and Black Hawk were thus regarded as the two most distinguished persons present. Mr. Moore, on his return to Ohio, hired a team to carry him to Chicago, then a town of about 500 inhabitants, with only one hotel. At Chicago he took a steamboat for Cleveland, all the way by the lakes, and from Cleveland by canal boat to Hebron, thence to Zanesville by stage. In September, 1857, he moved with his family, consisting of his wife, two sons and two daughters, to Point Bluff, Wisconsin. There he educated his children in the Bronson Academy, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, operating a large saw mill, in company with his brother, on the Wisconsin river, until 1866, when he moved to Iowa. In the meantime he went to Montana in 1863, going by team, reaching the mining camp called Bannock in July. He engaged in mining there about one year. During his stay there he saw eleven highwaymen and desperadoes hanged. Among them was George Ives and the notorious Slade. He attended a convention held to memorialize congress to create the new territory of Montana, and voted at the first election of delegate to congress. When he returned he came down the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers to Yankton, in a flat boat, with a party of 120 men in ten boats. These boats were built near where Livingstone now is—on the North Pacific. The lumber with which the boats were

constructed was from cottonwood logs, and sawed out by whip-saws, which they had brought with them from the mines for this purpose. This party was the first white navigators of the Yellowstone river, so far as ever heard of. On the 21st day of September, 1866, Mr. Moore with his family landed at Gillett's Grove, Clay county, Iowa, where he now resides. Since he has lived in that township he has been engaged in farming. He has been among the largest stock-raisers in the county, and is the largest bee-raiser in northwest Iowa. He has done what he could to help develop the resources of this new country. Mr. Moore is a just and upright man, a good citizen and prosperous farmer. His influence has always been on the side of education, religion, and for everything that would elevate and better his fellow men.

Moore P M, was born in Muskingum Co., Ohio, on the 13th day of October, 1841. In September, 1857, he moved with his father to Point Bluff, Wisconsin, where he finished his education in Bronson Academy. For three years he taught in the academy and one year in the public school of Mauston, besides several terms in district schools. His health failed so he was obliged to give up teaching. He joined a party made up to go to the gold mines of Idaho. He crossed the plains and mountains in the summer of 1863 and back to the mines on the headwaters of the Missouri, and remained in Virginia City sixteen months, mining most of the time. In the fall of 1864 he came home by the way of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers with a company of men who built flat boats on the banks of the river—near where Livingstone now is—on the North Pacific railway. August 19th, 1865, he married the eldest daughter of Daniel Rowe, of Walworth county, Wis. In the spring of 1866 he moved to Clay county, Iowa, and settled at Gillett's Grove, where he now lives. He served one term as county auditor, two terms as surveyor and was the first treasurer of Lincoln township and the first of Gillett's Grove township. He built a saw-mill on the river that manufactured all the native timber of the township. He has been farming and stock-raising during his entire residence here. The summers of 1886 and 1887 he took grading contracts on the Chicago & Northwestern in Nebraska and Wyoming and Manitoba in Montana. His children are Arthur R. and Minnie L. Their mother died in the spring of 1873. He married again, in 1878, Mrs. Lizzie F. Adams, the eldest daughter of W. G. W. Sawyer, of Decorah, Iowa. Mr. Moore is one of Clay county's most successful farmers and prosperous business men. He is connected with the Farmers' Alliance; was one of the founders of the Spencer Congregational church; an active and enthusiastic worker in the Sunday schools of the county; a fervent and energetic laborer in the cause of temperance, and is prominently identified with many other important and prominent organizations of a public and social character.

Moore Wilson H, who lives on sec. 25, Gillett's Grove township, was born in Ohio in 1847. His parents moved from Ohio to Wisconsin where they remained nine years. While in Wisconsin Mr. Moore attended college a few years at Bronson Institute, and in 1866 came with his father

and brother to Clay county, locating at Gillett's Grove, where he has since resided. He cast his first vote for U. S. Grant and has voted on that line ever since. He owns the farm whereon he lives, it being one of those fine locations combining native timber and prairie, and was the farm selected and occupied by one of the Gilletts in 1857. His farm shows that he believes in good fencing, good cultivation and good crops, and demonstrates to all that farming can be made a success. Mr. Moore was married to Miss Emily Werts in 1872. They have had four children, two of whom are now living. Mr. Moore is one of Clay county's best citizens, possessed of broad views and well informed on all the current events of the day.

Negus S, farmer, m 3, e ½ of nw ¼ sec 8, a80—80, born in Wayne co, N. Y, came to Clay in 1881 from Hardin county, P O Spencer.

Newton A C, farmer, m 6, ne ¼ sec 5, a320—110, born in Illinois in 1866, came to Clay from Audubon county in 1882, P O Spencer.

Palmer D C, farmer, m 8, sw ¼ sec 11, r a160, born in Erie county, Penn, in 1845, P O Spencer.

Parisho E H, farmer and teacher, m 3—1, se ¼ sec 36, a160—65, born in 1859, P O Gillett.

Parisho E H, farmer, m 3, res sec 31, P O Gillett. Is an Iowa man, having been born in New Providence, Hardin Co., in 1859. When eleven years of age his parents came to Clay county; for the past two years he has been engaged most of the time in opening up a farm on sec 31, Gillett's Grove township. He was married to Miss Zora Allebaugh, in 1888, and they now have one child. Mr. Parisho's education has been gained in the common schools of Clay county, and one year's term at Penn College. He has ever taken an active part in the educational matters of the county, having been a teacher for fifteen years, and is acknowledged to be among the best of his profession in the county.

Parker James E, farmer, m 9, e ½ of sw ¼ sec 4, born in Ohio in 1850, came to Clay from Benton county, Iowa, in 1878, P O Spencer.

Parker James E, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 4, P O Spencer, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, January 20th, 1849. Three years later his parents removed to Benton county, Ohio, where J. E. remained until 1878, the greater part of the time engaged in farming. During that year he came to Clay and located in Gillett's Grove township, where he has since lived. He is the owner of 80 acres of land, 55 of which is under cultivation. He is assessor of Gillett's Grove township and a leading citizen. He was married in 1872 to Miss Jennie Strawn. They have seven children: Clifford, Everett, Earle, Clad, Sarah, Neva and Lavancia.

Pickering Macy, farmer, m 4—1, res ne ¼ sec 31, r a160, P O Gillett, was born in Sauk county, Wis., in 1862, and came to Clay county in 1881, and located in Gillett's Grove township.

Pierce D E, farmer, s, sw ¼ sec 25, a11, born in St. Clair county, Illinois, came to Clay in 1880.

Pierce E L, farmer, m 8—1, ne ¼ sec 32, a160—125, born in England in 1851, P O Gillett.

Pierce H L, teacher, s, ne ¼ sec 32, P O Greenville.

Prior H A, farmer, m 4, se ¼ sec 9, a160—90, born in Wisconsin in 1852, came from Marshall county to Clay in 1882, P O Spencer.

Reeves J F, m 3, ne ¼ sec 24, a80—75, came to Clay in 1880, P O Spencer.

Richey N A, farmer, m 4, ne ¼ sec 3, r480, born in Benton county and came to this county from there in 1861.

Robbennolt Walter, farmer, s, P O Greenville.

Sandee M, farmer, m 3, w ½ of se ¼ sec 2, a80—36, born in Holland, came to Gillett's Grove from Wisconsin in 1881, P O Spencer.

Sanderson T H, farmer, m 5, sw ¼ sec 25, a6—6, born in Steuben county, N. Y., in 1845, and came to Clay county in 1867, P O Gillett.

Scriven M H, farmer, m 3, nw ¼ sec 36, r a320—120, born in Delavan county, Iowa, and came to this county in 1871 from Webster county, P O Greenville.

Seaton W L, farmer, sec 28, a80—50, P O Greenville.

Smith S, farmer, m 7—1, w ½ of ne ¼ sec 25, r a320—150, born in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1847, and settled in Clay in 1871, P O Gillett.

Stogsdill Wm T, farmer, m 5—1, nw ¼ sec 18, a160—160, born in Illinois in 1851, and came to this township this year.

Straub Edward, farmer, m 9, ne ¼ sec 24, a160—95, born in Germany in 1849, came to this county in 1886 from Sauk county, Wis, P O Dickens.

Strawn S H, farmer, m 7, ne ¼ sec 34. He owns 250 acres of excellent land, of which 240 acres are under an excellent state of cultivation. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1841 and subsequently moved to Illinois. He served his country four and one-half years faithfully and nobly, being engaged in some of the most important battles of the war. After the close of the war he went to Nevada, and in 1872 he came to Clay county and settled; he is a successful and prosperous farmer; he was married in 1872; P O Greenville.

Streeter George S, farmer, m 3, sw ¼ sec 35, r a200—85, born in Boone county, Ill., in 1866, and came here in 1872, P O Herdland.

Tabor R N, farmer, m 2, sw ¼ sec 16, a160—60, born in 1838 in Vermont, and came here from Wisconsin in 1880, P O Spencer.

Thompson Julius, farmer, m 4—1, sec 9, a160—160, born in Jackson county in 1860, P O Spencer.

Thompson L D, farmer, m 4, ne ¼ sec 23, r a60, born in Ohio in 1849, P O Gillett.

Treat M A, farmer, m 5—2, se ¼ sec 1, a417—240, born in New York in 1853, came to this county in 1875 from Illinois, P O Dickens.

Walsh J H, farmer, 4—1, nw ¼ sec 1, a175—70, born in Canada, came to Gillett's Grove in 1881, P O Dickens.

Werts S S, farmer, s, sw ¼ sec 25, a80—70, born in Illinois in 1857, came to Clay from Illinois in 1871, P O Gillett.

Werts J W, farmer, m 6, sw ¼ sec 25, a98—98, born in Illinois in 1847, came here in 1871, P O Gillett.

Wetherbee E, Farmer, m 5, w ½ of ne ¼ sec 5, a89—60, born in Indiana in 1843, came to Clay from Fayette county in 1881, P O Spencer.

Wilcox N T, was born in Wayne county, New York, in 1838. His education was gained from contact with the world. In 1853 he came with his parents to Wisconsin, returning to New York in 1859 with his brother. At the breaking out of the rebellion he enlisted in Co. D, 102nd N. Y. Volunteers and served over three years, being in the historic battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain, was in the Atlanta campaign and marched with Sherman to the sea. In 1866 he returned to Wisconsin and followed farming. The alluring cheap and productive lands of Clay county brought him here in 1880, and he has now one of the profitable farms in the township. He has served on the Township Board of Trustees for six years. He was married on March 1st, 1869. Mr. Wilcox is a thorough and progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen.

Wilson Oliver N, farmer, s, born in Hardin county, P O Spencer.

PETERSON TOWNSHIP.

Although the civil township bearing this name dates its birth and name from 1871, yet it was the first settled portion of Clay county. The name is prominently connected, and its history so intimately interwoven with that of the county's, that the latter would be largely shorn of its thirty odd years of excellent record of pioneer life and the sturdy integrity it has borne, as well as stripped of much that makes it one of the most interesting counties of northwest Iowa were Peterson omitted. The history of this township, therefore, forms a leading feature in the annals of Clay county, and deserves more than a mere passing notice. Peterson township is located in the southwestern part of the county and is settled by sturdy and solid yeomen, who are active and progressive. The first settlement was made in the spring of 1856 by J. A. Kirchner, John Kirchner and Ambrose S. Mead. The Kirchners came from Albany, New York, and Mead from the eastern part of the state. After selecting their claims along the banks of the Little Sioux river, on sections 32, 33 and 34, they at once set to work to build houses, and when they had completed them commenced to till the soil. During the years 1856 and 1857 John J. Bicknell, C. Kirchner, Chas. Oldfield and families arrived, and added to the number who had cast their fortunes in Clay. In 1857 Charles C. Smeltzer, J. W. Brockschinks, H. E. W. Smeltzer and

others came, thus making valuable acquisitions to the pioneers, to whom it was a great pleasure to extend a greeting to every newcomer. Later there arrived Harry Gardner, R. B. Crego and several others. By this time, with those who settled farther east, there was a sufficient number to organize the county and establish a seat of county government. This was accomplished, and the place where the little band of advanced western pioneers lived was formally constituted a town and made the capital of the county. A majority of the citizens of the county had settled in and around where the town of Peterson now stands, and the six or eight houses composed the town. The reason for putting up their log-houses in such close proximity was for two very good reasons. In the first place there prevailed a feeling of lonesomeness at being separated from any place inhabited by white settlers and a desire to be as near each other as practicable, and thus share with each other what comforts and pleasures there were for them in social intercourse. There was another and very important reason. The Indians had made one or two invasions on their peaceful and quiet homes, and it was deemed expedient for their mutual protection to be within hailing of each other should the savages again make a raid upon them. The houses were therefore built within only a short distance of each other, so that should any unforseen event occur other houses would be within easy access. These houses were also constructed not alone for warmth and comfort but for protection as well, should the settlement receive an attack from the wily and stealthy red skins. In the course of time the settlement grew and became more extended, and as the frightful Indians were held under subjection by the United States government there was little cause for fear or molestation and the newcomers took claims more remote from the primitive or original settlers. This township was abundantly supplied with timber, consisting of walnut, oak, bass-wood, ash and elm; and, as the Little Sioux river furnishes excellent water power, J. A. Kirchner conceived the idea of utilizing both by building a saw-mill. In this move he was greatly encouraged by his neighbors and at once went east and purchased the necessary machinery to operate it. Men were employed and set to work, and in as brief a time as this far away place could accomplish it the sound of falling trees and the busy whir of the big saw could be heard all the day long. For miles and miles around, farmers and newly-acquired land-owners could be seen busily wending their way to the mill, drawing with their heavy teams heavy timbers to have sawed and made ready for building purposes. Log cabins soon gave place to more pretentious and commodious frame dwellings, and the settlement put on an entirely different appearance.

The soil of this township is of a superior quality and produces every kind of cereal. The main body of the land is a little inclined to be level, with the exception of that part that lies along the Little Sioux river. This is somewhat rough and hilly, but a greater portion of it is either utilized for grazing or producing purposes. The farmers are chiefly in good circumstances, and a large proportion of them own good

farms. Having a good market at the town of Peterson they are able to realize fair prices for their marketable products.

There are excellent schools in all parts of the township, and sufficiently near to accommodate all their patrons. It is blessed with good citizens, and has consequently prospered through these many years. In point of wealth, population and natural advantage it stands second in the county, and as the future years come and go it will keep pace with the moving and improving northwest, accumulating wealth, increasing its numbers and establishing a grand reputation for vast possessions and great prominence.

Its first township officers were, township trustees John Evans, Wm. Brockshinks and Wm. Dugan; clerk, Geo. F. Martin.

Its present township officials are as follows: Township trustees John Evans, Dr. A. S. Chatterton and David McMillen; township clerk, C. W. Fillmore; assessor, S. Tillinghast; Justices of the Peace, B. W. Merwin and J. W. Potter; constables, J. G. Compton and T. E. Crippen.

VILLAGE OF PETERSON.

This historical place is located on section 33 of Peterson township and is in the extreme south-western portion of the county. It is situated on a declining hill with just sufficient undulation to afford excellent drainage. On the south and west flows the Little Sioux river. On the north and east sides are heavy bluffs rendering the place picturesque. On the south side of the river are also heavy bluffs covered with a full and thick growth of timber. All these add attractions to the place in view of the fact that the northwest is not noted for an extra abundance of natural timber. The resident portion of the village surrounds that of the business part on all sides. Added to its general location, its excellent protection from storms, by its immense bluffs, which encompass it, splendid water power, abundance of timber, there are other reasons for making this a point of interest. The first settlement ever made in Clay county was made here, and it has the further honors of having had the first postoffice; the first dwelling; the first school taught and school house; the first court house; the first store; the first and only fort; the first saw and grist mills; the first place of attack, when the Indians made their raid through the county; the first polling place; the first town in the county; the first hotel; the first newspaper and the first place where religious services were held. These facts and incidents make it one of the most interesting of towns and around which clusters the memory of the days of "auld lang syne."

The first settlement made was in the spring of 1856, when the Kirchners and Mead came and located a little north of where the grist mill stands. This house was subsequently sold to Mr. Bicknell and the Kirchners moved on the east side of the river and erected a house within the present corporate limits of Peterson. Among the settlers who came

after John and J. A. Kirchner and Ambrose S. Mead were Messrs C. Kirchner, Smeltzers, Crego, Oldfield, Bicknell and a number of others. These formed the nucleus for Peterson. After the pioneers had been here two years they deemed it advisable to secure if possible a postoffice. A petition was drawn up setting forth the disadvantages under which they were laboring in obtaining their mail, the distance the nearest office was from them and asking the department to create a route and establish a postoffice and to appoint J. A. Kirchner postmaster. This was duly signed and sent to Washington. In this petition they designated the place as Howard in honor of the gentleman who drew and circulated it. After the lapse of a few weeks a letter was received from the government officials at Washington stating that the petitioners' requests had been granted with the exception that they found it impossible to name the office Howard as there was already an office in the state bearing that name and they had christened the place Peterson. If the Washington officials desired to honor any person or thing by thus giving it this name none of the earlier settlers are aware of it. Mr. Kirchner held the position for several years and finally resigned in favor of Henry Rice, who in time was succeeded by Thomas Bevans, who held it nineteen years and was finally removed upon the entry of Grover Cleveland as president who designated Fred Dimler. He held the office for four years. The present incumbent is James Kennedy, editor of the Peterson Patriot.

Among the first dwellings were those of C. Kirchner, J. A. Kirchner, Henry Rice, now the property of Thomas Bevans. It was originally built for a tavern, but later it was purchased by its present owner he used it for a private dwelling. The first school taught here was by H. E. W. Smeltzer, using the kitchen of C. Kirchner, Sr., as a school room. He was followed by Milton Smith who instructed the few pupils that lived in the vicinity. In 1860 a small school building was erected which answered the purposes for some twenty-six years. In 1886 the present neat and model building was constructed and affords plenty of room to accommodate the one hundred or more pupils in attendance. The building complete cost three thousand dollars and is in every way an excellent building.

During the year of 1860 the county seat was removed from the north part of the county and located at Peterson. The contract for erecting it was let to C. H. Brockschinks, who immediately set to work and in 1861 had it ready for occupancy. The building still stands and although used as a granary is still in good repair and an object of curiosity to all visitors to the village. It is the property of J. A. Kirchner who purchased it of the county when the county seat was changed to Spencer. There are many interesting and amusing incidents related about its early history and those who occupied the various rooms in it.

The Indians during the years of 1861 and 62 became quite troublesome to the white settlers along the western borders of the frontier and eventually put on their war paint and declared open warfare upon the

frontiermen. In Minnesota several massacres occurred and it required a large force of troops to quell and put an end to their blood thirsty intentions. Peterson at that time was one of the frontier places and its inhabitants were to a great extent without any protection from roving bands of these cruel savages, who were want to make their appearance at the most unexpected moment and were known to be lying in stealth in different parts of northwestern Iowa. It was therefore deemed advisable, by the authorities, to extend the necessary protection to the settlers and prevent a massacre. Northwestern Iowa was at that time under the immediate command of Col. James Sawyer, who commanded a regiment of cavalry. He accordingly detailed one company of cavalrymen to go to Peterson, build a fort, scout the country in and around there and to keep a constant lookout for the Indians. As soon as he arrived he selected the place where the fort should be built. This particular spot is on or near the intersection of Second and Park streets and also includes part of the lots on which the residence of W. E. Ellis stands. After suitable ditches were made, huge trees were felled and a large stockade was constructed. It was in the shape of a triangle. The logs used were 12 feet in length and stood on end, extending about eight or nine feet above the ground. Port holes were made and places for sentries constructed. The stockade was a most substantial and solid structure and gave ample protection for the soldiers as well as the settlers and was a safe refuge from the attacks of the Indians. Inside and on the north side of the stockade was built suitable living quarters and with these equal caution and care was taken to make them secure and perfectly safe against any assaults of the enemy. (This building is still in existence and is occupied by a gentleman by the name of Maher as a residence, having been removed to section 31.) After the arrival of the soldiers and the construction of the fort the settlers' fears were greatly removed and they were no longer in constant dread lest the Indians should swoop down upon them, burn their homes, run off their stock and take their lives. At first an entire company was stationed here, but as time passed on and there were no open outbreaks or many discovered prowling parties in the immediate vicinity of Peterson, the force of troopers was diminished by details being made and sent to other points until there only remained a squad of ten men under command of Sergeant Wm. Whitlock. It was during this time that an incident occurred which came near costing the brave sergeant his life. Having occasion to go to Sioux Rapids, a trading point about twelve miles distant, he set out one bright morning to make the journey. He was accompanied by private Wm. McKinley, of his company, and after a few hours ride reached the place in safety. After transacting the business and giving their horses a few hours rest, they mounted and started on their return to the fort. While riding along quietly conversing all unmindful of any lurking danger, they were suddenly startled by the report of a number of rifles, the whistling of as many bullets in close proximity to their ears and the frightful yells of their adversaries. For a moment or more their horses were unmanagable but in a short time they were brought under

control and the two brave men dismounted and began preparation to sell their lives as dearly as possible. It did not require any one to tell them who the attacking party was, for they well knew that they were none other than a hostile band of Indians, who had probably seen them leave the fort and knowing that they would return over the same route they had previously travelled had lain in ambush and awaited their coming. From the manner of firing and their marvelous escape from so many whizzing bullets they attributed to poor marksmanship and the desire of the Indians to kill them and thus secure their horses, for when they fired they were only a short distance from the two soldiers. But time then was too precious to give this any consideration, for it was now either life or death and they preferred the latter to falling into the hands of this despicable and tortuous foe. No sooner had the two dismounted than on came their foe. Drawing their revolvers, which they had taken the precaution to see were in good working order before starting out on their ride, they took deliberate aim and fired, and two of the foremost fell pierced by the bullets of their trusty revolvers. The Indians halted and as is their custom gathered their killed and to the surprise of the soldiers beat a hasty retreat. They at once started in hot pursuit firing as they ran, but not so effectively as at first. They, however, succeeded in killing two or three of them as they were seen to require the assistance of some of the others. After travelling some distance the Indians became fearful of a fire in the rear and so when they reached a place of some protection they halted and began preparation to resist the attack. The two brave men, however, were undaunted, their blood being up to fever heat determined to face Mr. Lo in his own quarters. They therefore rushed in behind the place the Indians had sought and then began a hand-to-hand conflict. As the sergeant, who was a little in advance of his companion, rushed in at them, one of the Indians came at him with a large knife. Then began a struggle for life. The sergeant was a large and powerful man, while the Indian was not much his inferior in strength. The struggle lasted for several moments but at last the sergeant, by a quick and dexterous movement, wrenched the deadly weapon from the savage's grasp and as quickly buried it in the Indian, disemboweling him. The brave fell a corpse and as he done so another Indian approached the sergeant from behind and with the butt end of his rifle dealt him a stunning blow on the head which fell him senseless to the ground. The Indian seeing his advantage drew up his rifle to deal the prostrate man a final blow. In the meantime McKinley had, like his companion, been busily occupied and had wounded several of the red skins. At last finding that the soldiers were strong, daring and determined they began a retreat. As the last foe, in front of McKinley, made his departure he turned to see what had become of the sergeant when he beheld him lying at the mercy of an Indian, who was in the act of raising his gun to give the death blow. He at once sprang to his assistance and drawing his revolver took deliberate aim and killed the savage. The timely arrival of McKinley was none too soon, for a moment's delay would have resulted in the sergeant's death. After dis-

covering that the Indians would no longer give them any further trouble. McKinley placed the unconscious sergeant on his horse and with great difficulty succeeded in reaching the fort, where, for two long weeks, the brave soldier lay his life hanging upon a brittle thread. He finally recovered and will not as long as he lives forget his trip to Sioux Rapids.

After J. A. Kirchner built the saw mill several frame houses were built in and around Peterson. This enterprise was well received and received a large patronage. This old landmark of early times still remains but is in a very bad state of decay. During the fall of 1870 J. A. Kirchner began building a grist mill which was completed in 1871. This was a grand thing for the farmers who had previously had to draw their grain many miles to have it converted into flour. This mill is still in operation, under the management of Ed. Sitz, and is one of the best equipped mills in the county and manufactures an immense quantity of a superior quality of flour.

The first religious services were conducted by Revs. Wright and Oldfield, the former a Methodist and the latter a Baptist. There are now two commodious churches in Peterson under control of the Methodist Episcopal and Congregational denominations.

The first newspaper enterprise that made its appearance in the town was the Democrat. It was very short lived as the only object for removal of the necessary printing material to Peterson was to secure the publication of the delinquent tax list. This object having been accomplished, the further publication of it was abandoned and the material sent back to its former place. Subsequently J. F. Ford and Samuel Gillespie in 1870 established the Clay County News, but upon the removal of the county seat they took their outfit to Spencer. For a number of years the place was without a newspaper, but eventually E. J. Helms started the Peterson Patriot which he conducted several years; finally he sold it to other parties. It is now owned and edited by James Kennedy and is in a flourishing condition.

Previous to 1881 Peterson's growth was very slow, and mainly retarded by its lack of railroad facilities. The only outlet was by means of teams and the nearest railway station several miles. This tended to keep it back, and without this important and necessary adjunct there was little or no hope of its future development into a town other than name. During the year 1881 the great Chicago & Northwestern Railroad sent out a surveying party and laid out the grade for this line of road. As soon as these facts were known, Peterson at once sprang into importance as a trading point. Mr. J. A. Kirchner, who owned most of the land on which Peterson stood, at once platted it and placed the lots on the market. At once they were in demand, and the embryo town and quiet place immediately assumed an air of activity. Buildings were erected, dwellings built, and the year of 1881 saw a wonderful change in the place. The railroad arrived in 1882, and from that date Peterson has been a busy and bustling town, with fair prospects of considerable commercial development. The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad has per-

formed a good act for Peterson, and has been instrumental in transforming it from a town in name to one of business activity. Its citizens are moral and upright; its business men sagacious and enterprising, and the town a pleasant and delightful place to dwell. Besides many social organizations, there are two churches, and several secret societies, all in a healthful state of prosperity and well attended.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

Of these Peterson has four, namely, the Methodist and Congregational churches, the Knights of Pythias and a Post of the Grand Army. They are all in a prosperous condition.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

This society was organized April 30th, 1882, by Rev. J. B. Chase, of Cherokee now of Hull, Iowa. Its first membership consisted of J. W. Coombs, L. H. Coombs, Mrs. L. H. Coombs, Edwin F. Coombs, Mrs. Celia E. Coombs, Mrs. E. E. Pinkerton, Mrs. Carrie F. Voight, Mrs. J. P. Martin and Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkwood. J. W. Coombs was chosen deacon, and Wm. Martin, Lewis Voight and Edwin Coombs trustees. Rev. A. M. Beeman was the first pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. R. E. Helms, Rev. J. C. Stoddard and Rev. J. F. Horn respectively. The corner stone was laid in June of 1883, and the church was formally dedicated in the following September. It is a neat and comfortable church, and the total cost of it amounted to about $2,000. It has a large Sunday School, under the superintendency of Dr. A. S. Chatterton. The present pastor and officers are Rev. J. F. Horn, minister in charge, with Lewis Voight deacon, and Dr. A. S. Chatterton, D. McMillan and Lewis Voight trustees.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Peterson circuit was organized August 22d, 1855, by Rev. Orange S. Wright, who preached part of that year, once in every two weeks. Then Rev. T. D. Adams followed. Rev. Seymour Snyder formally organized a Methodist Episcopal class of eight members in the fall of 1863, which class has been continued up to the present time. The following is a list of the preachers, in their order, who have served on this charge. The dates show the time of service: Revs. R. B. Hawks, 1864; William Malory, 1865; —— Whitney, 1867; C. W. Clifton, 1868; —— Pitt, 1876; J. W. Lothian, 1871; W. Drake, 1873; Forbs, 1884; F. Grooms, 1875; C. W. Gardner, 1876; F. Drake, 1878; G. E. Cheesbrough, 1880; J. W. Zeigler, 1881; D. M. Yetter, 1883; C. A. Hawn, 1884; C. Artman, 1885; J. M. Woolery, 1886, and F. A. Morrow, 1888. The society has a $2,800 church and a $500 parsonage in Peterson. At Willow Creek, seven miles from Peterson, they have just completed another church, belonging to this charge, which was dedicated the 15th of September, 1889. The cost of this church was $1,600. As shown above, this circuit has had twenty two ministers during its thirty-four years existence. There are four appointments, Peterson, Willow Creek, Broadhurst and Pleasant Hill. The total membership is 98.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Sioux Valley Lodge, No. 156, Knights of Pythias, was organized June 10th, 1885, and from that date its meetings have been attended with interest. Its membership is composed of the leading business men of Peterson, who have manifested considerable zeal and interest in the order. Its first officers were: P. C., W. W. De Witt; C. C., H. S. Parker; V. C., W. E. Evans; Prelate, J. M. Starr; M. of Ex., J. I. Williams; M. of E., Dr. A. S. Chatterton; Master at Arms, C. F. Logan; I. G., S. Hagedorn; O. G., Robt. Sitz. The present officers are: P. C., A. D. Lynde; C. C., W. E. Bertram; V. C., James Kennedy; Prelate, Alvin Tillinghast; M. of Ex., E. F. Turner; K. of R. and S., H. S. Parker; M. of A., G. A. Compton; I. G., R. B. Tillinghast; O. G., O. W. Towner. It organized with a membership of eleven, but has at the present time thirty.

GRAND ARMY POST.

Van Davis Post, No. 455, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized in the spring of 1888, with a membership of twenty-seven, but has since that time added a number to its muster roll. There are a large number of ex-soldiers in this vicinity, and the post should have even a greater membership than it now has. Its first officers were: Commander, B. W. Merwin; Senior Vice, W. L. McCowan; Junior Vice, J. Bucklum; Adjutant, George F. Martin; Com. Sergeant, Wm. Carr; Quartermaster, O. W. Towner; Chaplain, J. W. Pattee; Sergeant Major, ———; Officer of the Day, J. G. Goss; Officer of the Guard, S. J. Luther. At the recent election Peter Blackmar was chosen Commander; Senior Vice, J. Bucklum; Junior Vice, T. L. Bailey; Chaplain, J. G. Goss; Officer of the Day, S. J. Luther; Quartermaster, C. B. Fairbanks.

Peterson is fortunate in having a full brass band, composed of good musicians, who discourse some very fine music. They have good instruments, and are under the leadership of a competent leader, who has succeeded in training them to a degree of proficiency that makes the band well and favorably received.

ITS BUSINESS INTERESTS.

The business houses of Peterson, which are quite varied for so small a town, may be classified as follows:

Agricultural Implements	3
Attorney	1
Boarding houses	1
Banks	2
Blacksmith shops	3
Billiard halls	1
Barber shops	1
Coal dealers	3
Carpenters	6
Doctors	2
Drug stores	2

Dress makers	3
Elevators	3
Furniture	1
Fruit and confectionery	1
General stores	5
Hotels	2
Hardware	2
Harness shops	2
Jewelry	2
Livery stables	2
Lumber dealers	2
Newspapers	1
Mills	1
Millinery	1
Masons	2
Meat markets	1
Painters	1
Restaurants	1
Wagon makers	2

It will thus be seen that there fifty-nine different business establishments in the town. These have all good patronage and do considerable business. The merchants and dealers drawing their trade from parts of Clay, O'Brien, Buena Vista and Cherokee counties, are thus in a common center from a business point of view.

During the past year the grain and stock dealers have paid to the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company, nearly $50,000 for the transportation of grain and stock. Showing that Peterson and Peterson dealers handle immense quantities of produce. The fact that Sioux City and Minneapolis are easy of access from this point, being only a short distance for transportation, are the places where most of the grain and stock are shipped. Consequently the freight charges are proportionately less than at points near here where consignments are made to Milwaukee and Chicago. This showing is therefore very creditable to the buyers and shippers of Peterson.

SOME OF ITS BUSINESS HOUSES

Among the enterprising firms in the agricultural implement line, is the firm of Hagedron & Hitchcock. Their place of business is located near the corner of Main and third streets. They occupy a space of one hundred feet by thirty, which is in the busy season entirely covered with all kinds and classes of machinery which are in demand. In the plow line they handle almost all kinds and makes, their leaders being the J. I. Case, Weir & Bradley, walking and riding plows. They sell the celebrated McCormick and Buckeye self-binders and mowers, also the Plano and Empire makes. They also sell corn planters, harrows and in fact every kind of farm machinery and implements, including threshers and engines. They carry a complete assortment of all kinds of pumps, including everything from a common ordinary wooden one, to a heavy cast

iron pump. They have done a large business in this line and are the headquarters for goods of this discription. It is safe to say that there is not an agricultural implement dealer in Peterson that surpasses or equals this firm in the class or quantity of wagons and buggies handled. They are the acknowledged leaders and have disposed of a great many because their prices have been so uniformly low and the makes of such a superior character. They keep in stock all kinds of repairs for the machinery they handle. They are a safe and reliable firm and are pleasant and affable gentlemen with whom it is a pleasure to transact business. The prices are as low if not lower than their competitors and their transactions are characterized by honesty and uprightness and they are thus able to wield a large and rapidly increasing trade. Mr. Hagedron is a practical machinist and is therefore an excellent and competent judge, while his partner, Mr. Hitchcock, has been a farmer for many years and is therefore well acquainted with the wants and demands of the farmers in this community. Their trade in consequence of these facts extends over a great deal of territory and they are justly entitled to it for they are untiring in their efforts not only to please their customers with the goods they sell them but to satisfy them by such low prices as well. This year they propose to greatly extend their business by carrying a larger and more extensive line and to place their goods in four different counties tributary to Peterson. Last year was the first year of this firm's existence and they were comparatively new to the people. This year they start out with fresh hopes and brighter anticipations and have determined that they must widen their territory. To this end they propose to adhere to the maxim, "quick sales and small profits." There are other agricultural implement dealers in Peterson but Hagedron & Hitchcock are generally regarded as the leaders. They have energy and perseverence—elements which win.

GRAIN AND STOCK DEALERS.

Prominent among the industrial and business pursuits followed in Peterson none are more important than the stock and grain trade. It to a certain extent regulates the business of a town. The dealers in this branch of trade can materially damage a place, no matter what its advantages may be or how low the merchants sell their wares. If the grain and stock buyers do not pay as high prices as those of adjoining towns, trade will materially be driven away. It is therefore essentially necessary that the merchants in this line shall be sufficiently liberal to pay as much as their competitors and must be live and active business men. Fortunately for Peterson there is no reason to complain but every reason for congratulations. The firm of Weir & McMillan is one of the most progressive and enterprising in the county. They are thorough and aggressive business men, alert and active. They came to Peterson in 1885 and built their present elevator, which is 20x60, and twenty feet high, with a capacity of 12,000 to 15,000 bushels. In connection with this there are two warehouses, capable of holding 35,000 more, making a total capacity of from 47,000 to 50,000 bushels. The engine room is 20x20, in

which stands a 10 horse power engine with which to operate the machinery. Then they have large stock yards, which are shedded and arranged for the accommodation and comfort of their stock. In addition to this elevator they have one at Everly. This is 24x28, being 32 feet in height, with a capacity of 15,000; a warehouse 24x48, ten feet high, that will hold 10,000 bushels. The engine room is 20x20 and the engine 10 horse power. The office is 12x12. The firm is therefore possessed of the necessary facilities for handling immense quantities of grain and stock. In addition to this line of trade they are the proprietors of one of the drug stores of Peterson. As will be seen from the above the firm of Weir & McMillan belong to a class of men who are possessed of great business capacity, of keen discrimination and sterling integrity. Through honorable business methods they have made a host of friends and have been able to establish a most extensive business.

Fraser Bros, (H and J D) dealers in grain and stock, Front street, located in Peterson in 1884 and built their present elevator, and have since engaged in this line of business with an unusual degree of success. The main building or elevator is 24x44 and 26 feet in height, with a capacity of 10,000 bushels. They have also two large warehouses; one 30x70, the other 22x40, and the two combined are capable of holding 33,000 bushels. Then they have an office, large coal sheds and pens, and yards capable of holding several hundred head of stock. The engine used is of eighteen horse power and of excellent make. They possess every facility for successfully handling grain of every description and stock of all kinds. They have succeeded in establishing a large trade and doing an immense business in the soft coal line, handling principally Iowa and Illinois coal. Since operating in Peterson they have done a large business and purchased and shipped thousands of bushels of grain and hundreds of carloads of hogs. They have done this by paying the highest market price and have ever been willing and ready to give the sellers the benefit of the full and highest market price. They are upright and stirring business men in the full acceptation of the term.

COAL DEALERS.

Coal is an important and necessary article in this timberless region and the price of it cuts an essential figure in its sale. The firms of W. E. Ellis & Son and Fraser Bros. are the suppliers of this commodity in Peterson. Their object has been to buy a good article and to sell it as low as it can be purchased in any market within range. They have a fine trade established on the sale of their Iowa and Illinois coal which they usually purchase early in the season and thus get the advantage of low rates.

DRUG STORES.

A well equipped and properly conducted drug store is one of the necessities in every town and village. Peterson is fortunate in having two such establishments. The one owned by Weir, McMillan & Co. is located on Main street and is presided over by J. McClintock, who has spent eight years in the study of pharmacy, and is, therefore, eminently competent to compound any prescription that may be entrusted to his

care. In connection with this establishment is a jewelry store over whose destinies E. A. Marsh presides. He is a good mechanic and understands his trade. W. W. De Witt also has a fine drug store located on the opposite side of the street, which is well stocked with all kinds of drugs and patent medicines.

HOTELS.

There are two well regulated hotels. Sitz Bros. are the proprietors of the Commercial Hotel which is complete in every respect and is the leading house of the place. The house is new and well furnished in every way and is a model of neatness and convenience. The rooms are large and provided with good and comfortable beds and the necessary furniture. The table is always spread with food that is inviting and palatable. Amos, the manager, is a young man who is thoroughly acquainted with the hotel business and understands how to conduct one successfully. The Commercial has a large patronage and is the general headquarters for the traveling public. The house is homelike and pleasant and those who once stop there are sure to call again when in Peterson. It is convenient to the depot and the business part of the village, being located on the corner of Main and First streets. In addition to the transient trade it has a large number of regular boarders.

HARDWARE.

The presence of large and well conducted business houses of any description in any place are evidence of the thrift, prosperity and stability of the town and the county. The hardware establishment of Charles B. Fairbanks is a notable instance, and clearly points to the enterprise of the village and county. It is less than four years since he opened a general hardware store at this place. When he began his chances for success were somewhat limited as there was already one well established hardware store in the town; but, nothing daunted, he opened his goods and arranged his stock. His career since that date has been attended with marked success, and his trade has yearly increased and the territory gradually extended. They carry everything in the line of hardware, including stoves, heavy and shelf goods, repairs of every description, cutlery, washing machines, pumps, in fact everything that can usually be found in any hardware establishment. In connection with this store they have a tin shop where repairing is neatly and carefully done. During the past year their sales have aggregated $12,000, which is quite a good sum considering the size and location of the village. Both Mr. Fairbanks and his son, Hiram, are pleasant merchants, and by their manner of conducting their business have made a host of friends and customers.

GENERAL MERCHANTS.

Few, if any, departments of mercantile pursuits contribute more largely to the sum of trade and commerce more extensively than the "general store." It embraces everything from the common necessity to the costly luxuries of life, and is, therefore, broad and comprehensive. In a village the size of Peterson it would hardly be practicable or re-

numerative to establish a store which should simply deal in one particular branch or line of goods. The place is too small and the trade too limited to justify any one to make such an attempt. The merchants, therefore, embrace in the goods they handle a general line, including dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, fancy and toilet articles, and a large assortment of groceries. Thus they are prepared to meet the general wants and demands of their trade. Among the establishments are O. W. Towner & Co., W. E. Evans, Potter & Brandow, Fred Dimler and others. The firm of O. W. Towner & Co. carry the largest stock, with W. E. Evans second and Dimler and Potter & Brandow following. The firm of O. W. Towner & Co. was established several years ago and by their general pleasant way of doing business have succeeded in establishing a large and profitable trade. This firm is composed of excellent business men, who are keen observers and thoroughly understand the wants of the people and are therefore prepared to meet the demands by keeping in stock such articles as they require. They are well acquainted with the people of the four counties and are known as men of probity and business ability and consequently retain the confidence and patronage of those who once trade with them. From a small beginning they have built up a trade of large proportions. They have a complete assortment of goods well adapted to the demands of their customers and their annual sale include many thousands of dollars. Careful to protect their customers, close buyers, posted on prices, possessing ample capital, and quick to take advantage of fluctations in prices, has been the secret of their great success in trade.

W. E. Evans is the successor to Thomas Bevans, the pioneer store keeper of the northwest. Away back, many years ago, Mr. Bevans came to Peterson and opened a store; this he successfully conducted until compelled to retire from business on account of the loss of a limb. Many are the farmers, still living in the county, who remember the kindness of "Uncle Tommy" Bevans. When the grasshoppers swept over this county, bringing poverty and dismay to the sturdy-hearted farmers, leaving them destitute and without a farthing to purchase the absolute necessities of life, they turned to "Uncle Tommy," who, out of the abundance of his sympathy and the milk of human kindness which filled his great heart, he extended a helping hand and gave them credit and their own time in which to repay him. These acts made him warm and lasting friends, and extended his trade to all parts of the counties. As years rolled on he required an assistant and employed Will E. Evans, who has since remained and finally succeeded him. "Billy," as he is familiarly called, is practically a Clay county man, having lived here since he was sixteen years of age and is well acquainted throughaut this and the adjoining counties. In consequence of these facts he has a nice trade and is doing a good business. He carries a good assortment of all the articles usually found in a general store and sells them so as to satisfy his customers and make new ones.

Potter & Brandow have been in business here for a number of years and have one of the neatest and most attractive stores in the village.

They carry a most carefully selected stock of general merchandise, and up with their competitors in all points of trade. They are both pleasant and affable gentlemen, and merit the patronage they receive. They have been in business a great many years and enjoy the confidence and esteem of the trade, as well as the public at large. This store is centrally located, tastily arranged, and their prices are as low as at any store in the place. Fred. Dimler is another one of Peterson's enterprising merchants, and like the others has a good run of trade. He is a genial gentleman, a practical business man, and understands the mercantile pursuit in which he is engaged. He is at present postmaster, having been appointed some four years ago. He handles a large amount of goods in the course of the year, and has a large number of regular customers, who give him a large patronage in the course of a year.

LUMBER YARDS.

That branch of trade which embraces lumber, doors, sash, blinds, etc., forms a very important item in a town's commerce. Among the dealers in this line in Peterson is the firm of C. Ellis & Son, which is managed and owned by W. E. Ellis, with yards located on Front street, near the depot. This firm handles all kinds of gang and sawed lumber, doors, sash, blinds, frames, mouldings, pumps, of every description. This establishment is practically a branch of C. Ellis & Son, of Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, and in consequence of this buy their stock together and in large quantities, thus necessarily buying cheaper. They are thus able to sell their lumber at a very low figure, by giving their customers the benefit of this advantage they have in purchasing. This firm occupies a large portion of ground, which is covered with all kinds of marketable material. The office is 16x24; the sash and door building 16x24; the lumber shed 32x64; coal shed 14x70. There is also a building for lime and cement. Mr. Ellis came to Peterson in 1881, when the town was very small. The first lumber he offered for sale was before the railroad reached this point, and consequently had to be drawn from Spencer and other points. He early displayed the enterprise which has characterized his course since he has remained here. He has a fine trade established, due to his strict integrity, square manner of dealing, good material and uniform prices to one and all. The Wisconsin Lumber Company is also located here.

FLOURING MILL.

The flouring mill interests of Peterson play a most important part in demonstrating the commercial value of the place. The mill was built in 1871 and 1872, but so many and marked changes have been made in it that it would not now be recognized as the mill of that date. It has been continued since that time under various managements, the last change being made some years ago, when it passed into the hands of the present proprietor, Ed. Sitz. This mill is furnished and equipped with the latest, most-improved machinery that the genius of the nineteenth century could produce. Every facility and every improvement necessary, that could be used in order to produce the very best of flour has been procured; and that they have performed the work well is attested by the

various brands of flour manufactured and placed on the market. The "White Lily." "White Rose" and "Great Falls" are brands that are known far and wide for their excellence and superiority. These brands are so well and favorably known that there is a constant and increasing demand for them; orders are constantly coming in from all parts of the northwest for them. The main part of the mill is 30x60, three stories high, with an engine-room 20x30 and lean-to 14x20. The engine is an enormous one of fifty horse power. The Allis system of rollers is used, of which there are twelve pair. On the second floor there are seven reels, with two centrifugals on the third floor. In addition to these the mill is supplied with a Monitor feed mill, three purifiers, a brush machine, a California smutter, a Barnard & Lee separator, a corn-sheller and other necessary machinery. These are all of the best and most superior make, and of the same patent used in the best mills of the country. It will thus be seen that the mill is in every respect complete and prepared to do nothing but first-class work. It is located on the Little Sioux river, and has the advantage of either water or steam power. During the past year Mr. Sitz expended nearly $8,000 in improvements, and he considers it now thoroughly equipped in all its details. It commands a local trade within a radius of twenty-five miles, and a wholesale trade that extends a hundred or more miles west and north. Mr. Sitz is a clear and level-headed business man, and is a live, practical and enterprising miller, and has succeeded in making this the best mill in Northwestern Iowa.

FARMERS' BANK.

The monetary institutions of every city, town and village are so closely allied with their progressand development that they are almost inseparable. The name of the bank which heads this article is one of high commercial stability among the many noted monetary establishments of the northwest, and in its history it is a noted exponent of the securest principles governing finances, and its career has been one of a creditable character, alike conducive to the financial welfare of its owners and customers. It is the first banking institution estal lished in the place. It has been owned and controlled by Farmer, Thompson & Helsell for the last seven years. This firm is engaged in the banking, loan and land business on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at five different places, owning the Bank of Sioux Rapids, Marathon Bank, Bank of Laurens, and one-half interest in the Farmers' Bank of Odeboldt. Thus they have a line of banks within easy access of each other. Their honorable business methods, their high financial standing in the commercial world, bespeak for the solidity and stability of these five banking institutions. Besides a large capital invested by the owners of these banks they have loaned out for eastern parties over $400,000. Their total loans will not fall short of $600,000. Surely the above record speaks volumes for its able management and financial force, and requires no further endorsement, as the mere mention of these figures is a sufficient guarantee and security for their responsibility and reliability to all their depositors.

Mr. J. D. Farmer, the president of these banks, until recently was

engaged in the straw-goods business, and was one of the largest, if not the largest manufacturer in the United States. He owned vast factories, and expended large sums of money in obtaining the best and most perfect machinery with which to manufacture these goods. He alone made and patented seventeen different improvements, to lessen the cost and better the skill employed to produce these articles. Several years ago he disposed of the business, and is now a retired manufacturer possessing large capital, and is quietly enjoying the fruits of his labors at Hollis-ton, Massachusetts. This system of banks is under the management of F. H. Helsell, who is also cashier of the Sioux Rapids bank. He was born in Ohio, and at an early age came with his parents to Iowa and located in Cedar county, where he remained until eighteen years of age. He then entered Carthage College, of Carthage, Illinois, and graduated from that institution in 1879, with the highest honors of his class. Upon the completion of his collegiate course he entered the law office of Judge Lane, of Hillsboro, Illinois, and read law, and was subsequently admitted to the bar. Soon after his admission he came to Sioux Rapids and opened an office and began the practice of his chosen profession. His career was bright, his success as an attorney marked, and his ability as a lawyer recognized. When Mr. Farmer and O. P. Thompson, the vice president, decided to establish this system of banks, they perceived in Mr. Helsell an ability for financiering of a high order, a judgment that was ripe and broad, a successful manager, and a man of strong executive force. They therefore offered him this position and also admitted him as a partner. Mr. Helsell's superior management of these institutions, since he was placed in control, has more than justified his partner's confidence and opinion of his abilities. Gradually they have forged ahead, and at every point are prominently recognized as the substantial financial institution of the town. Mr. Helsell has not neglected his law practice, but is still a leading member of the Buena Vista bar, and is the local attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company. These banks have, under Mr. Helsell's management, done more perhaps than any other institution or citizen to secure reasonable rates of interest, in the locality in which they are doing business, on farm lands and personal securities. This has been of incalculable benefit to the farmers, and one which should be properly appreciated by them. It requires skilled management, keen discernment and wonderful executive power to manage these institutions. To neglect none, but to keep each one gradually progressing. As time speeds on, the country develops and becomes more closely populated, this great system of commercial banking enterprise is destined to grow and expand in financial importance and proportions, and to wield a monetary influence of great force and consequence. The Farmers' Bank of Peterson is an institution worthy of the place and transacts a large amount of business. It has a large list of depositors, sells exchange to all parts of the country, loans large sums on real estate and personal security. Its collection and land business is quite extensive and its transactions in the course of a year aggregate a large sum. The bank is located on the corner of Main and Third streets.

Mr. L. Voight, the local cashier, is a careful and painstaking man, and is an upright and honorable citizen of Peterson. He thoroughly understands the banking business in all its details, and the large amounts intrusted to his charge are perfectly safe. The bank is not only solid but a substantial benefactor to the people in and around Peterson.

PETERSON BANK.

No feature of progress in any community occupies more general attention than that of the banking business. Especially is this true in a comparatively new country, where there are so many fluctuations and changes. To successfully conduct a bank, the chief and indispensible requisite is public confidence. That secured, sagacious management, strict probity, vigilance and the proper attention to every detail, invariably accomplishes the rest. A notable instance of this is furnished in the career of the Peterson Bank, which has since its organization maintained a degree of progress and prominence seldom made by any similar institution in Northwestern Iowa. From its very inception it attained a front rank, and its course has been marked by prosperity, banking executive ability and reliable financiering. It was organized in June, 1888, with a capital of $20,000, and has paid a handsome surplus since its existence. Its exhibit is the highest tribute that could be paid its managers, and strongly attests the confidence and esteem in which it is held by the public. It does a general banking business, and includes such as collections, discounts, exchange, loans on personal and real estate securities, also issues drafts and letters of credit to different parts of the country. Its officers are, Hon. C. W. Fillmore, President, and Henry S. Parker, Cashier, both men of unswerving integrity, excellent judgment and business ability, who enjoy in an almost unlimited degree the confidence and respect of the entire community. In connection with their banking business, they do a large real estate trade, having among their list some of the best and most choice lands and town lots in the country, which they are prepared to sell to purchasers on easy and satisfactory terms. In every department of their large business they have always been found straightforward and reliable, and to these elements the Peterson Bank owes its present high standing in the financial circles of the West. The bank has a long list of depositors, does an immense exchange business, sells thousands of acres of land annually; its discount transactions amount to a large sum, and it issues thousands of dollars in policies against fire and lightning. The bank is therefore general in its nature, complete in its details, and an institution that fully merits that high esteem in which it is held as being one of the solid and leading banking establishments, not only of Peterson, but of Clay county. The large local interests of its proprietors have led them to be active and alert in encouraging and fostering every worthy interest of Peterson and becoming the prime movers in many enterprises which would result in public good, enhancement of Peterson property, the development of its resources, and creating this the trade center for the surrounding counties.

TOWN OFFICERS AND SCHOOLS.

The municipality of Peterson is governed by a mayor and six trus-

tees. The mayor is elected annually, while the trustees are chosen for terms of three years, two being chosen every year. The first persons to be selected to fill these positions after the town was incorporated were as follows: Mayor, H. S. Parker; Trustees, O. W. Towner, E. S. Weir, J. W. Potter, J. M. Starr, H. Fraser and Thomas Bevans; Recorder, W. H. Bowen; Treasurer, Thomas Bevans; Marshal, J. G. Compton; Street Commissioner, D. H. Hartman. The present officials are: Mayor, O. W. Towner; Trustees, W. W. De Witt, F. Steckmast, Alvin Tillinghast, J. W. Potter, Jerome Bucknum and C. W. Pinkerton; Recorder, James Kennedy; Treasurer, E. F. Turner; Marshal and Street Commissioner, D. B. Hartman. The Independent District of Peterson is under the management and control of a Board of Directors consisting of three members. The present officers are Ed. Sitz, president; O. W. Towner and Alvin Tillinghast with H. S. Parker, treasurer, and W. H. Schellinger, secretary. The school house, which is a two-story building, is admirably adapted for school purposes and is well arranged. The present corps of teachers consist of I. R. Amiley, principal; Alvin Hulburt, teacher of the intermediate department, and Miss Mary Harmon, teacher in the primary room. The school is well managed, and is one of the model ones of Clay county.

PETERSON TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY.

Ackley S D, mail carrier, P O Peterson.
Atkinson C H, barber, Main, P O Peterson.
Baier John, shoemaker, Main, P O Peterson.
Baker Wm, clerk billiard hall, P O Peterson.

Bevans Thomas, retired merchant, P O Peterson. Born in South Wales in the year 1817, he remained in that clime until 1854 when he came to this country and located at Baltimore, where he lived for ten years. From there he went to Wisconsin and then came to Peterson, Clay county, in 1868, and opened a general store which he has carried on from that date to the present time. He was appointed postmaster in 1868 and served continually until 1886. He lives in the house he bought of Henry D. Rice in 1868; it was the first frame house built in Peterson. It is just across the street from the first house built in that village.

Bertram W E, manager Wisconsinber LumCo, P O Peterson.
Bingham W N, laborer, P O Peterson.
Bicknell, O C, farmer, res ne ¼, sec 31, a320, P O Peterson.
Bicknell J J, farmer, res sec 32, a680, P O Peterson.
Bird R, retired, res Ash, P O Peterson.
Bowen John, of Dimler & Co, merchants, Main, P O Peterson.
Brandow H A, merchant, Main, P O Peterson.
Breese J W, carpenter, res Third, P O Peterson.
Bucknum J, restaurant, Second, P O Peterson.
Crippen T E, liveryman, Main, P O Peterson.
Colby T M, laborer, res cor Third and Park, P O Peterson.
Chatterton A S, physician, office Main, P O Peterson.
Compton J G, liveryman, Elm, P O Peterson.

Carveth S, carpenter, cor Fourth and Park, 40, P O Peterson.
Chesley C P, farmer, res nw ¼, sec 30, renter, P O Peterson.
Corcoran Hugh, farmer, res se ¼, sec 16, a160, P O Peterson.
Deegan Wm, Sr, farmer, res sec 18, a560, P O Peterson.
Dimler F H, merchant, Main, P O Peterson.
Deegan E, farmer, res se ¼, sec 18, a160, P O Peterson.
Dean Walter, farmer, res s ½, se ¼, sec 10, a320, P O Peterson.
Deegan Wm, Jr, farmer, res se ¼, sec 18, P O Peterson.
DeWitt W W, druggist, Main, P O Peterson.
Dubois H H, farmer, res ne ¼, sec 2, a170, P O Willow Creek.

Ellis W E, lumber dealer, res cor Park and Second streets, was born in Washington county, Vermont, July 12, 1841, and remained a resident of that place for 24 years, when he went to Arkansas and stayed six months. He then removed to Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, and lived there two years, but becoming desirous of living in the east he returned to Vermont and remained there four years, finally coming back to Iowa and locating at Vinton again. In 1881 he moved to Peterson and opened a lumber yard. While in Benton county he worked at the carpentering business and in Vermont was engaged in farming pursuits. He saw that Peterson was destined to grow into a town of some proportions and make a good trading point and therefore settled here. After building an office and establishing himself he ordered several car loads of lumber. At that time Peterson was without railroad facilities and he was therefore compelled to employ teams to haul it a distance of twenty-four miles. He is therefore entitled to the honor of establishing the first lumber yard in Peterson. He is a careful business man and pays the strictest attention to business affairs and has been remarkably successful in building up a good trade. He is a public spirited and liberal minded citizen. He was married March 5, 1865, to Miss Sarah A. Haven. They have one son E. H. A description of Mr. Ellis' lumber yard is given elsewhere.

Evans John, farmer, residence Fourth street, was born in Wales sixty years ago and lived there until 1852 when he came to this country and settled in Baltimore where he worked in the smelting works for some nine years. In 1861 he moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and for seven years was a farmer. He came to Clay county in 1868 and took up a homestead on section 24 of now Peterson township, where he remained until recently, when he moved to Peterson. Mr. Evans is one of the hardy pioneers of the county and fully comprehends the difficulties of pioneer existence. He has passed through the latter as well as the grasshopper siege and knows the discomforts of both. He has been a successful farmer and has accumulated a considerable competency. He has held the position of township trustee off and on for fifteen years, was a member of the board of supervisors in early times and has been a member of the township school board. He was married in 1850 to Miss Margeret Harris. They have but one child, W. E., who is engaged in the mercantile business of Peterson. Mr. Evans after many years of

hard toil intends to spend his remaining days quietly and has rented out his farms containing 365 acres.

Evans W. E., merchant, Main street, was born in Wales July 6, 1854, and shortly after his birth his parents emigrated to America. He lived in Baltimore nine years and accompanied his parents to Wisconsin and Iowa. For ten years after coming to this county he engaged in farming and in 1883 came to Peterson and for several years clerked for Thomas Bevans, subsequently in 1886 purchasing the latter's interest in the store. This store is known far and wide as the Pioneer store of this section. It was established before there was a store at either Storm Lake, Spencer, Cherokee or any of the adjoining towns and is therefore justly entitled to the name "Pioneer Store." He has held a number of local offices including assessor and school director and is one of the reliable business men of the place. He has a very good trade and his store is stocked with all kinds of goods usually found in a general store. He was married in 1878 to Phoebe Kerr. They have four children, Earl, Oma, Archie and Thomas. His place of business is centrally located and his list of customers include people from Cherokee, Buena Vista, O'Brien and Clay.

Ewing T, painter, res Park, P O Peterson.
Evans B, compositor, P O Peterson.
Ellis W E, lumber and coal, P O Peterson.
Elphick R, farmer, res se ¼, sec 6, a200, P.O Peterson.
Evans John, farmer, res ne ¼, sec 24, a240, P O Peterson.

Fairbanks Charles B., hardware merchant, Main street. He was born in Owego, Tioga county, N. Y., September 22, 1846, and lived in that county for nineteen years. In December, 1863, he enlisted in Co. H, 39th New York Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war. His regiment was attached to the first brigade, first division, ninth army corps, and participated with that corps in its great charge after the explosion of the Petersburg mine. Here death and destruction was on every hand and the killed and wounded in that brave but futile charge was enormous. With his regiment he took part in all the battles of the Wilderness and after the Grand Review at Washington his regiment was sent to Buffalo, when he was mustered out. He had previously been transferred to Co. G, 51st N. Y. In 1865 he came to Iowa and located at Centre Point, Linn county, and engaged in farming. In 1870 he moved to Clay county and homesteaded a part of section 20 in Clay township. Here he farmed until 1882 when he moved to Spencer and for the next four years was in the insurance and loaning business. During the year of 1886 he moved to Peterson and commenced the hardware trade in which he has been exceedingly successful. He is an enterprising merchant and a good citizen. He takes quite an interest in Grand Army matters and is a member of the Peterson Post. Besides serving as a private in his company he was orderly for a time to Gen. Wilcox, who commanded the First Division of the Ninth Corps. His regimental commander was Colonel Tracey, now secretary of the navy. He was

married in 1866 to Miss Colina Russell. They have four children, Minnie B., Hiram B., Florence L. and Lucy Z.

Fillmore Charles W, banker and attorney, res Fourth. The subject of this sketch was born in Chicago, Ills., Nov. 10th, 1851, and remained in that city for three years, when his parents moved to Kane county, Illinois, where they lived for ten years. At the expiration of this time they moved to Buchanan county and went on a farm. For a number of years he worked on a farm in the summer and attended school in the winter. In the public schools he laid the foundation of his education, which was completed at Quasqueton and the Iowa State University. He also pursued a law course. He subsequently taught school and read law. In 1879 he moved to Spencer and formed a law partnership with his brother-in-law, A. C. Parker, which was dissolved in 1882, upon Mr Fillmore coming to Peterson. In the fall of 1883 he was elected a member of the Iowa legislature and was re-elected in 1887. In this distinguished body he was an able and efficient member, being assigned to a number of important committees. Until 1888 he devoted his entire time and attention (with the exception of two winters at Des Moines) to the practice of his chosen profession and the loaning and real-estate business, with very encouraging success. In June of that year, deeming the opportunity of a second bank in Peterson most favorable, in company with Henry S. Parker, established the Peterson Bank. The success of the enterprise was at once assured, and has been constantly growing since that date. Mr. Fillmore is one of the staunch and solid business men of Peterson, and is one of its progressive citizens. He was married in 1879, March 11th, to Miss M. J. Parker. They have four children, Parker, Esther, Elwin and Eldin. The last two are twins.

Funk A A, merchant, Main, P O Peterson.
Felton C, retired farmer, res Pine, P O Peterson.
Follon O, horse dealer, res Third, P O Peterson.
Fraser Hugh, grain dealer, Front, P O Peterson.
French J W, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 9, a160, P O Peterson.
French B, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 4, a160, P O Peterson.
Fraser J D, grain dealer, Front, P O Peterson.
French John, farmer, res sec 4, P O Peterson.
Fraser Geo W, clerk with O W Towner, P O Peterson.
Glynn L, laborer, P O Peterson.
Gordon N, laborer in flour mill, P O Peterson.
Goss J G, farmer, res Third and Ash, a160, P O Peterson.
Goss J E,
Gleason O, prop American hotel, m 5, P O Peterson.
Grapentine John, farmer, res sec 8, P O Peterson
Gracey Andrew, farmer, res n ½ ne ¼ sec 9, a80, P O Peterson.
Hayden F P, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 15, P O Peterson.
Hagerty George, laborer, res Second, P O Peterson.
Hagerty Wm, plasterer, res Pine, P O Peterson.
Hurlbut H H, retired farmer, res Pine, a160, P O Peterson.

Hurlbut R M, jeweler, res Main, P O Peterson.
Hurlburt E A, carpenter, res cor Second and Pine, P O Peterson.
Hartman D, street commissioner and marshal.
Hatter T G, billiard hall, Main, P O Peterson.
Hawkins G F, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 8, P O Peterson.
Hagermon S, plasterer, res cor Park and Fourth, P O Peterson.
Hulburt H, farmer, res sw ¼, sec 28, a330, P O Peterson.
Hulburt Henry, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 28, a160, P O Peterson.
Hall D, farmer, res sec 32, a10, P O Peterson.

Hagedron Christain, dealer in agricultural implements, was born in Denmark April 3rd, 1862, and lived there until he was eighteen years of age. He then came to America, and settled at Cedar Falls, where he lived for four years working in a blacksmith shop, a trade he had learned in Denmark. From Cedar Falls he came to Clay county, and started a blacksmith shop at Willow Creek. A year later he moved to Peterson and engaged in the same business for two and one-half years. It was during the year 1888 that he retired from that business to go into the agricultural implement trade, first with Mr. Harum and afterwards with Mr. Hitchcock. He was married December 23rd, 1884, to Miss Elizabeth Bossen. They have three children: Thomas, Hans and Christiana.

Hatter T G, billiard hall, Main street, was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 19, 1862, and lived there until six years old when his parents came to America and located in Clayton county, Iowa, where they remained for about nine years when they went to Howard county and lived for nearly four years. At the age of seventeen he started out in life for himself and determined to meet life's stern and stormy conflicts and battle for himself. He first went to Dakota; from there he roamed over the mountains of Montana, climbed the lofty peaks of Colorado and traversed the wild plains of the British possessions, finally terminating his travels by locating at Dakota City in the employ of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad company in their supply store. He worked for this company for several years in this department, but eventually went on the road as brakeman, and was in time promoted and given the position of conductor, which he held for nearly two years. He finally resigned and came to Peterson and opened a billiard hall.

Hitchcock H G, dealer in agricultural implements, residence Pine street, was born in Oswego county, New York, March 6, 1857, and lived there until he was eighteen years of age when he came to Iowa and located in Storey county and engaged in farming there until 1882, when he moved to Buena Vista and pursued the vocation of a farmer. In 1889 he moved to Peterson and entered into partnership with C. Hagedron in the agricultural implement business. He is a man possessed of plenty of pluck and energy and is a most excellent salesman. The firm is a strong one, and one calculated to make the line of trade in which they are engaged a success. He was married in 1877 to Miss Isabella McCain. They have four children: Iva, John, Jessie and Vernie. Mr. Hitchcock is a valuable acquisition to the Peterson business circle.

Jepson Nels, farmer, res nw ¼, sec 15, renter, P O Peterson.
Judson W A, farmer, res e ½, sec 1, a320, P O Peterson.
Jensen Hans, laborer, res Pine, P O Peterson.
Jones Thos J, farmer, res w ½, sec 35, a280, P O Peterson.

Kirchner J A, farmer, residence Fourth street, Peterson. No one man in Clay county knows more of its history or the early struggles and hardships of the pioneers, the varied and multiplicity of changes than the subject of this biography. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1829, and when twelve years of age came with his parents to America and located in Albany, New York, where he lived until 1851. He then went to California during the gold fever and remained in the diggings for five years and then returned to New York. Believing that there were vastly greater opportunities for a struggling and industrious young man in the west, in company with his brother John he started westward in search of a future home. The two came west as far as Cedar Falls and there fell in with one Ambrose S. Mead, who, like themselves, was desirious of penetrating and locating in the western wilds and so joined the two young men in their search for the enchanting spot. After due preparation and consideration the three venturesome and determined young men set out on their journey of exploration. They had talked over the matter of their ultimate destination and had selected Spirit Lake as their objective point, having learned considerable of its locality and its superior location. They therefore set out fully equipped with the necessary materials for camping out and a plentiful supply of provisions to last them during their trip. After several days of travelling the party met a Mr. Brown who was a United States surveyor and had spent considerable time in different parts of northwestern Iowa and was therefore very familiar with every portion of land in the uninhabited part of Iowa. They held a long interview with him and obtained a great amount of information, the result of which caused them to make an entire change in their plans and to direct their course to Clay county. A few days more of travel brought them to the border line of Clay county where they halted and at once began a tour of inspection. They camped on or near the spot where now stands the residence of Hon. J. J. Bicknell. It was just at the foot of the bluff on the west side of the Little Sioux river. After a minute investigation they discovered that this was a stream of clear water of sufficient force to furnish excellent water power. On either side were high bluffs covered with an exceedingly fine growth of timber with which to supply their wants for fuel and building purposes. After fording this stream and mounting the hill on the east side they beheld a vast field. As far as the eye could penetrate there lay before them acres upon acres of as fine land as the sunlight of Heaven ever shone upon. The grass, then just emerging from the ground, gave striking evidences of the richness and fertility of the soil. The location was everything that could be desired and the land as productive as could be found in the section. After beholding these great natural advantages it did not require them any length of time to form conclusions. They at once decided to stay and set to work

to stake out their claims and post their notices. After this was done they returned to Cedar Falls and purchased the necessary farming outfit and tools. After coming back they at once built a log house (which still exists and is in good repair, being occupied by Mr. Bicknell as a part of his dwelling) and then Mr. Kirchner set out for New York to bring his father's family to the new home. Mr. Kirchner was the first man to plow the soil of Clay county, raise a garden and crop. Subsequently he sold the house to J. J. Bicknell and built one on the east side of the river near where he now lives. The early struggles, trials and hardships through which he passed and the many dangers incident to pioneer life have been given in other pages of this book. Sufficeth it to say that in all these Mr. Kirchner took an important and active part. Being one of the first settlers and accustomed to frontier life he was in a measure the leader of the little band. Being a carpenter he was active in making such improvements for himself and neighbors as to provide against the storms, as well as against the discomforts of the rudely constructed log houses. Of the settlers of 1856 was the family of Bicknell's, and among them Miss Mary J., sister of J. J. Bicknell. As in all small communities there existed a friendly and neighborly feeling and Mr. Kirchner being a young man of good habits and industrious it was nothing strange that he should form the acquaintance of Miss Bicknell or that in the course of time the sturdy pioneer and the fair maiden should become betrothed. And here occurred one of the striking and romantic events of pioneer life. The nearest point, where a minister or any officer authorized by law, to perform the marriage ceremony, was at Fort Dodge, a distance of eighty miles. But the young couple were determined that the bands should be bound and mounting into a lumber wagon, drawn by a yoke of oxen, they started for that place. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield who were to escort them through the mysteries of that binding and sacred ceremony. After the ceremony they started for their home where they arrived after an absence of over a week. In consequence of Mr. Kirchner's early settlement he has been intimately connected with nearly all the past and present enterprises of the county. He not only built the first log house but the first frame dwelling in the county. He also built the saw mill and the grist mill and made other improvements in and about Peterson. Upon the organization of the county he was elected constable and township trustee. In 1859 he was chosen county superintendent of schools and in 1862 was elected clerk of the courts. He has been a member of the board of supervisors and has repeatedly held various township offices. In 1881 he platted the present town of Peterson and has done much toward trying to build it up and to make it a place of consequence. Mr Kirchner was again married in 1871 to Mrs. Rachael Williams. He is the father of seven children: Ella J., married to Ed Sitz; Charles E., Rose, Fred W., May and John A. Mr. Kirchner is the owner of 700 acres of very good land and has 400 acres of it under cultivation.

Kennedy John, farmer, res se ¼ sec 12, a160, P O Peterson.
Klatt Wm, farmer, res s ½, sw ¼ sec 1, a200, P O Peterson.

Klatt Ed, farmer, res n ½, sw ¼ sec 1, a160, P O Peterson.
Kirkpatrick Thos, laborer, res west side, P O Peterson.
Kirchner Wm, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 34, a220, P O Peterson.
Kirchner P, farmer, res east side sec 29, a360, P O Peterson.
Kennedy James, editor Peterson Patriot, res Main, P O Peterson.
Kirchner C E, miller, res west side, P O Peterson.
Kellum J, farmer, res w ½ sw ¼ sec 6, a80, P O Peterson.
Kenyon A B, farmer, res sec 3, a460, P O Peterson.
Lacy M, farmer, res sec 23, a560, P O Peterson.
Lynde Chas, laborer, res Pine, P O Peterson.
Luther L J, drayman, res cor Third and Ash, P O Peterson.
Lynch O, farmer, res se ¼ of sw ¼ sec 8, a80, P O Peterson.
Lynde A D, drayman, res cor Third and Ash, P O Peterson.
Lane F S, laborer, P O Peterson.
Langford John, laborer, P O Peterson.
Maynard A E, carpenter, res east side, P O Peterson.
Maher J E, farmer, sw ¼ sec 31, renter, P O Peterson.
Mendenhall Z, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 19, P O Peterson.
Miller H W, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 19, renter, P O Peterson.
Metz W M, laborer, P O Peterson.
Morrison U E, laborer in elevator, P O Peterson.
Merwin B W, justice of the peace, res Main, P O Peterson.
Metz B A, agent, res Ash, P O Peterson.
Murphy James, laborer, P O Peterson.
Marsh E A, jeweler, Main, P O Peterson.
McClintock J M, pharmacist, res Main, P O Peterson.
McMillen D, grain and stock dealer, Front, P O Peterson.
Moody A J.
Mendenhall C F, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 19, a160, P O Peterson
Murphy Jerry, laborer, P O Peterson.
Merrick Thos, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 6, a160, P O Peterson.
Nelson Samuel.
Owen R, farmer, res e ½ sec 22, a160, P O Peterson.
Owen John, farmer, res east side sec 22, P O Peterson.
Pattee J W, carpenter, res Commercial Hotel, P O Peterson.

Parker Henry S., banker, Main street, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, June 19, 1846, and when quite young his parents moved to Grant county, Indiana, and subsequently to Miami county, where they lived until 1865. In 1864 Henry enlisted in Co. I, 142nd Indiana Vol. Inf., and served one year. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. After being mustered out of the service he returned to Indiana but in a short time came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and for a number of years worked on his father's farm. In 1869 he made a trip to Kansas and then returned to Iowa and was employed as an engineer for several years at Independence. In 1881 he came to Clay county and lived at Spencer, engaging in the land business. In the fall of 1883 he moved to Peterson and followed the same occupation. During the year 1888, in company with Hon. C. W. Fillmore, he established the Peterson Bank, of which

he is cashier. When the town was incorporated he was chosen mayor and was also justice of the peace for three years. He has been prominently identified with Peterson's growth and is one of its leading citizens. He owns 120 acres of Clay county soil, besides a large amount of town property, in company with his partner, Mr. Fillmore.

Potter J W, merchant, Main, p o Peterson.
Ploughman Henry, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 5, renter, p o Peterson.
Potter F H, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 10, renter, p o Peterson.
Powell H H, farmer, res se ¼ sec 36, a160, p o Peterson.
Powell W O.
Paulsen C, laborer, p o Peterson.
Pinkerton C W, hardware, Main, p o Peterson.
Peterson N H, merchant of Towner & Co. Main, p o Peterson.
Prew A, blacksmith, res Fourth, p o Peterson.
Richardson E A, blacksmith, Third, p o Peterson.
Steffens Wm, blacksmith, res Park, p o Peterson.
Storey George, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 34, a160, p o Peterson.
Southwell D L, laborer, p o Peterson.
Strohm D L, laborer, p o Peterson.
Sitz Ed, miller, res west side, p o Peterson.
Southwell S R, laborer, p o Peterson.
Sitz Lewis, res Main, p o Peterson.
Sitz Robert, prop Commercial Hotel, Main, p o Peterson.
Schultz Wm, farmer res sec 32, a160, p o Peterson.
Shney Jerry, carpenter, bds on Pine, p o Peterson.
Schellenger W H, agricultural implements, Main, p o Peterson.
Stark D, farmer, res s ½ nw ¼ sec 2, a280, p o Peterson.
Stoner C E, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 17, a160, p o Peterson.
Sealey W A, physician, res Main, p o Peterson.
Shelden B J, clerk in bank, p o Peterson.
Steckmest Frank, harness maker, res Pine and Third, p o Peterson.
Sitz Amos, prop Commercial Hotel, Main, p o Peterson.
Tillinghast Alvin, carpenter, res Main, a320, p o Peterson.
Turner E F, agent Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co, p o Peterson.
Thompson Geo, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 31, a80, p o Peterson.

Towner O W, merchant, residence Fourth street, was born in Aurelius, N. Y., October 31, 1846, and lived there for four years, when his parents moved from Aurelieus to Niagara county. Here he remained twelve years, and although but sixteen years of age he enlisted in the 23rd New York Light Artillery and served for three years or until the close of the war. His battery was located along the coast of North Carolina, and was, toward the close of the war, under the command of Gen. J. G. Foster. After Sherman's army came through to the sea coast on that great and memorable march, this battery met the Army at Kingston and from there it was sent down to Lexington and from this point it boarded the cars and went to Buffalo, N. Y., where it was discharged. Upon receiving his discharge Mr. Towner went to Lockport

and attended school. Finishing his studies he went to Kentucky and joined a party who were boring for oil on the Big Sandy. Finding this unprofitable business he set out for Iowa and bought a farm in the eastern part of the state. In 1870 he came to Clay county and took up a homestead on section 30, Clay township, on which he lived and cultivated for a number of years. His custom was to farm in summer and teach in winter. In 1882 he moved to Peterson and opened a lumber yard, which after conducting some time he sold out and went to Cedar Rapids and entered the grocery trade. This he subsequently sold and then returned to Peterson and bought out the general stock of Ellis & Williams and has since pursued the pursuits of a general merchant. In 1881 he was candidate for superintendent of county schools, but was defeated by a small majority, owing to the lack of interest he displayed in his candidacy. He has held the office of assessor of Clay township for three years; was a member of the first council of Peterson and is its present mayor. He was married in 1868 to Miss Lucy Russell. They have two children, Hubert and Mabel. Mr. Towner is among the leading citizens of the town and county, and is one of its most active and stirring business men.

Tolley J W, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 10, a80, p o Peterson.
Tillinghast D, farmer, s ½ sw ¼ sec 10, a80, p o Peterson.
Tillinghast R B, laborer, res Park, p o Peterson.
Voight Lewis, cashier Farmers' Bank, Main, p o Peterson.
Voight A E, furniture dealer, res Main, p o Peterson.

Weir A S, grain dealer, was born in Scotland February 6, 1852, and when but two years old his parents emigrated to America and located in Chicago, where they lived ten years. They then moved to Iowa and settled in Tama county. He remained a resident of that county until 1885, when he came to Peterson and commenced business. Previous to locating in Peterson, he engaged in farming, was employed as a book-keeper and subsequently engaged in the banking business. In company with Mr. McMillan he built the Peterson and Everly elevators and also purchased a drug store at the former place. He is a wide-awake and thorough business man, shrewd and active and does an immense amount of business in the course of a year. He has held the office of county supervisor for the past three years and was a faithful and most efficient member of the county legislature.

Wilder F R, manager of elevator, bds American House, p o Peterson.
White George, farmer, res s ½ sec 9, p o Peterson.
Wheeler E A, furniture dealer, res Main, a80, p o Peterson.
Walsh Thos, farmer, res sec 4, p o Peterson.
Warren A G, laborer, p o Peterson.
Williams J I, engineer, res Fourth, p o Peterson.
Waters John, farmer, res s ½ se ¼ sec 24, rents, p o Peterson.
Winegar J A, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 23, renter, p o Peterson.
Wood W H, farmer, res Fourth, p o Peterson.
Zieman Charles, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 2, p o Peterson.
Zieman W, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 2, a600, p o Peterson.

LONE TREE

Is that portion of the territory of Clay county embraced in township 96, north range 38 west, and is composed of thirty-six full sections. It was duly constituted a township on the 15th day of October, 1877. And although having an organization of over thirteen years, it has only during the past few years come into note. The land composing this township is in the main very good, and is excellent plow, grazing and hay land. While not so high and rolling as some other townships, it yet has some very excellent advantages which renders its soil valuable. The Ocheydan with its winding channel and a number of smaller tributaries, courses its way through the township, thus giving an abundant supply of water. Then there are numerous small lakes scattered over the entire township, so there is little need of wells to satisfy the thirst of stock. Yet it cannot be called a swampy or wet township, for in many parts the land lies well above the level. Some most excellent farms are found in this township, well cultivated, supplied with excellent buildings and producing abundantly.

The first settlement made in this township was by J. W. and S. B. Christ, who came here in May, 1870. The former remained some six or seven years and then moved west and was followed by the latter in 1879. They located on section 11, on what is known as "the Lone Tree farm." It was so named because at one time it was the only farm which contained a tree, and hence the name. This tree is a large cottonwood and could be seen from a great distance before the present cultivated groves were grown. It therefore stood out in bold relief on the broad and unbroken prairie, and from this tree the township received its name.

The Christ brothers were shortly afterward followed by James Johnson, who located on the western side of the township, where he still resides. Then came H. Wetmore, Wm. F. Shaffer and David Arledge. Then there was a cessation of immigration for a time, which eventually was broken by the arrival of a number of other families. After the platting of Everly, there was a large influx and the entire township put on a busy, stirring air. Since that date Lone Tree has gradually forged ahead and has rapidly populated and its soil greatly enhanced in commercial value. The Chicago and Milwaukee railroad spans the township, and has been a potent agency in increasing and developing what resources it possesses. The farming community is composed of excellent farmers who are industriously tilling the soil, building themselves substantial dwellings, and surrounding themselves with all the necessary comforts of life. They have a fair start in the stock line, and by prudence and care they are destined to become a wealthy community. A number of speculators own considerable land in this township, but

even these are constantly giving way to the sturdy farmers who have come to make homes. All in all, Lone Tree is possessed of good soil, excellent drainage, splendid water, good grazing and hay land, abundant crops and are enterprising and an intelligent class of citizens.

It is supplied with good school buildings and the teachers are among the best in the county. The township officials are careful and economical and manage its affairs successfully. With all these advantages and the inherent quality of the soil, there is no just cause to prevent a large increase in wealth, prosperity and population during the next decade. Everything points to future success and a large increase in the values of real estate throughout the entire township. The following is a roster of its inhabitants together with the location of their residences and post-office addresses:

Bardwell George, farmer, res s ½ sec 34, p o Everly.
Berry Joseph, laborer, p o Everly.
Belknap H P, laborer, p o Everly.
Burguman Rudolph, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 19, p o Everly.
Burguman Herman, carpenter, p o Everly.
Bygere Fred, farmer, p o Everly.
Clarke E L, farmer, res e ½ sec 16, a320, p o Everly.
Clarke W E, laborer, p o Everly.
Crosby R F, farmer, res w ½ n w ¼, sec 31, a80, p o Trimello.
Ewoldt Wm, farmer, res n e ¼ sec 15, a320, p o Everly.
Fergen F J, p o Everly.
Fell John, farmer, res n e ¼ sec 21, a160, p o Everly.
Fell Michell, farmer, res s ½ n e ¼ sec 20, p o Everly.
Fiero H C, farmer, res s w ¼ s w ¼, sec 6, a40, p o Everly.
Glackin A, farmer, res n ½ n w ¼ sec 24, a80, p o Everly.
Grundler Joseph, laborer, p o Everly.
Grundler Anton, laborer, p o Everly.
Haggin Rasmus, farmer, res s ½ s w ¼ sec 11, a 120, p o Everly.
Hagemeyer K, farmer, res n w ¼ sec 14, r, p o Everly.
Heldt J A, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 15, a160, p o Everly.
Heldt J M, laborer, p o Everly.
Hanson Edward, blacksmith p o Everly.
Holden Wm, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 3, r, p o Everly.
Holden Stanley C, laborer, res s e ¼ sec 3, p o Everly.
Hines R E, farmer, res s w ¼ sec 24, p o Spencer.
Hines L, farmer, res s w ¼ sec 24, p o Spencer.
Hines A J, farmer, p o Spencer.
Johnson James, farmer, s w ¼ sec 20, a200, p o Everly.
Johnson Stephen, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 11, r, p o Everly.
Johnson John, laborer, p o Everly.
Jones Wm B, farmer, res n w ¼ sec 15, r, p o Everly.
Jones S, farmer, res n ½ s e ¼ sec 31, a80, p o Trimello.
Jipson Haus, laborer, p o Everly.

Knight W A, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 27, p o Everly,
Korchert L, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 17, a240, p o Everly.
Kuban Carl, laborer, p o Everly.
Kuban Paul, laborer, p o Everly.
Kuban Carl Jr, laborer, p o Everly.
Kelley Wesley, hay bus, p o Everly.
Larson N J, laborer, p o Everly.
Lagen John, farmer, res w ½ s w ¼ sec 22, a80, p o Everly.
Logan Wm, farmer, res e ½ s w ¼ sec 22, a80, p o Everly.
Morgan O L, farmer, res s w ¼ sec 30, p o Trimello.
Mallett C, farmer, p o Everly.
Moeller E H, farmer, res s e ¼ sec 18, p o Everly.
Moeller Rudolph, farmer, res n e sec 19, p o Evelry.
Moeller Henry, farmer, res sec 18, a760, p o Everly.
Moeller Wm, laborer, p o Everly.
Nagal Henry, farmer, res n e ¼ sec 17, a160, p o Everly.
Patton E L, farmer, res n w ¼ sec 23, r, p o Everly.
Pilbro R, farmer, res sec 13, a160, p o Everly.
Phelps C P, farmer, res n ½ sec 22, a400, p o Eberly.
Peanor Henry, farmer, res n w ¼ sec 15, r, p o Everly.
Rasmussen Peter, farmer, res w ½ nw ¼ sec 18—80, p o Everly.
Roberts Wm, farmer, res n ½ ne ¼, sec 35—80, p o Everly.
Ryno George, farmer, res w ½, sw ¼, sec 27, p o Everly.
Rice F, laborer, p o Everly.
Rice Charles, farmer, p o Everly.
Rice H, farmer p o Everly.

Shull Morgan, farmer, m 7, res n e ¼ sec 10, 240, a200. Was born in Green county, Wis., where he lived for twenty-five years and worked on a farm, and in 1861 went to Freeport, Ill., where he worked at the blacksmithing trade. During the civil war he was a member of company K, 16th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, and served until peace was declared between the belligerent countries. After the war he went back to Wisconsin, where he remained one year on the farm and then came to Clay and took up a homestead on section 10 Clay township, where he lived for about ten years and then removed to Peterson and opened a black smith shop. Subsequently he came to Spencer and entered into partnership with James Hagerty and carried on a blacksmith and wagon making establishment. After a stay of eight years he sold out and purchased what is known as the "Lone Tree Farm," where he removed his family and for two years employed his time in farming. He again came to Spencer and went into the blacksmithing trade; finally sold out and went railroading; then returned to the farm where he has since remained. He was married in 1865 to Miss Isabelle Hunter. They have five children J. W., J. E., Franklin, Dora and Sadie. Mr. Shull is a democrat in politics and has been the choice of his party several times for county offices.

Schamburg C, laborer, p o Everly.
Seaton Charles, laborer, p o Everly.

Seveka Fritz, farmer, res se ¼ sec 17—240, p o Everly.
Shull J W, farmer, p o Everly.
Shier John.
Sorehren George, farmer, nw ¼ sw ¼ sec 20—40, p o Everly.
Stegman Wm, farmer, res se ¼ sec 10, R, p o Everly.
Steffen Henry, coal dealer, p o Everly.
Swentser Carl, farmer, res se ¼ sec 28—160, p o Everly.
Shull J E, farmer, p o Everly.
Strull Wm, laborer, p o Everly.
Unangst B G, farmer, res se ¼ sec 8, 480, p o Everly.
Unangst W G, farmer, res se ¼ sec 8, p o Everly.
Waldron Geo, laborer, p o Everly.
Wetmore H, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 35, 80, p o Everly.
Winterboer H, farmer, res se ¼ sec 22, R, p o Everly.
Wachsmith H B, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 11-R, p o Everly.
Wallace Adam, butcher, p o Everly.
Wetmore S, farmer, res se ¼ sec 35, 240, p o Everly.
Waldron Herman, laborer, p o Everly.

EVERLY.

When the town of Everly was surveyed and platted in 1884 there was no well-defined purpose in the minds of its projectors other than to afford the few people in the western part of the county a way station. The selection was not due either to the physical conditions prevailing or to accommodate any great number, as there were but few people living in that section at that particular time. Evidently the only purpose was to induce and increase immigration. If this was the motive that prompted the establishment of the town, the object has been most successfully attained. Everly is located on the southwest quarter of section three, in Lone Tree township. The town proper is on a rising piece of ground that is of sufficient height to afford excellent drainage for the main or business portion of the village. When the station was established it was in the midst of an unbroken prairie, with little encouragement or hope for a town of any considerable size. It was platted in 1884 by Griffin & Adams, of Spencer. This firm owned considerable land contiguous to the place, and perceived in this an opportunity to enhance the value of their property and induce settlers to locate in that section. Soon after its being platted they disposed of it to I. P. Rumsey, a Chicago capitalist, who had already invested in Clay county real estate. Mr. Rumsey at once perceived that the town site was admirably chosen, and if the surrounding country was populated, Everly was destined to become an excellent marketing point and place of no small note in the county. In company with Mr. A. W. Sleeper, who had purchased an interest in the land designed for the town, and a man who had had large experience in Northwestern Iowa, he at once set to work with a will and determined energy to make it what he knew it could be made. The first year the progress was slow, but the foundations were being solidly and substantially laid. The next year their labors began to bear fruit, peo-

ple began to come; on adjacent land farm houses sprang up; there was a demand for town lots; carpenters were songht after; the lumber yard was a common resort; comfortable residences were erected; store houses were built; elevators and warehouses constructed, and the entire place was the scene of busy activity. The tide had turned, and the bleak and dreary station was shortly surrounded by a large number of buildings, owned by a busy, moving and active class of citizens who had come to stay and cast their lot in this "goodly heritage." The good work commenced has been constantly kept in motion, and while the village has not rapidly increased in numbers, it has been addiug slowly but steadily to its population and wealth. As a trading point, it leads in proportion to the number of its inhabitants. Its business men are shrewd and always on the alert, and are determined, if within their power, to make Everly the most important market place in the county. The immense quantities of grain, hay, stock and produce they have handled during the past year is a true index to their push and progressiveness and demonstrates that they are making rapid strides toward attaining the distinction of shipping out more products from Clay county than any town in it. These elements in the shippers are to be admired and are destined ultimately to give the town such an impetus that her rivals may be stirred to redouble their diligence and vigilance or lose the honor of being the largest town in the county. Everly is young but with the most excellent record she has made and the present live and strenuous efforts being put forth by her citizens she is sure to develop into one of the leading towns along the line of the Chicago and Milwaukee railroad in northwestern Iowa. She has equal railroad facilities with the surrounding towns, being on the Chicago and Milwaukee railroad and in the center of the most fertile and fruitful agricultural region of Iowa, she posesses excellent advantages and opportunities for transacting a large and annually increasing business. The farmers in the territory of Everly are a prosperous and industrious class and among the largest producers of grain and stock in the country.

Everly posses the facilities for handling products, the natural resources and locality and every possible chance for future expansion and prosperity. During the past year, ending November 30, large quantities of grain and stock have been shipped from this point. The following statement taken from the books of the station agent makes a most excellent showing for this new town. The reader should bear in mind that the crop of 1888 in northwestern Iowa was almost a failure and consequently there was but a small amount of shipments. The consequences are that in this exhibit the greater part of it is from the crop of 1889. Had that of the previous year been as large as is this year's the showing would of course have been proportionately larger.

SHIPMENTS.	NO. CARS.
Wheat	9
Flax	73
Barley	28
Oats	15
Hay	659
Hogs	22
Cattle	34
Potatoes	3
Merchandise	9
Butter and Cheese	2
Miscellaneous	5½
Manufactures	1
Total number of cars	860½

RECEIPTS.	LBS.
Coal	2,341,840
Merchandise	731,726
Lumber	1,604,750
Machinery	27,000
Stone	66,900
Flour	84,000
Salt	114,000
Miscellaneous	262,400
Flax	30,800
Oats	29,880

The total expense of the freight received was $7,546.48 and the cost of transporting the exports amount to $23,232.82.

The business men of Everly are divided into the following different branches of industry:

Agricultural Implements	2
Banks	1
Blacksmith shops	2
Barber shops	1
Billiard halls	1
Carpenters	3
Doctors	1
Drug stores	1
Elevators	2
General stores	2
Hardware	2
Hotels	1
Hay press establishments	2
Lumber dealers	1
Livery stables	1
Masons	1
Meat markets	2

Newspapers	1
Painters	2
Restaurant	1
Saddle shop	1
Warehouse	1

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

In the agricultural implements Rohde Bros., carry a large and complete line and supply them to the farmers at most reasonable prices.

BANKS.

The development of Everly as a commercial town has been the cause of the establishment of the Bank of Everly by Rumsey & Sleeper. The bank occupies a two story building, the lower room being designed and arranged expressly for banking purposes, and is neat and a model of convenience. The bank itself is a solid and reliable institution and its owners are men known for their financiering ability, strict integrity and stand high in the confidence of the public. A general banking and exchange business is done; real estate bought and sold and insurance policies issued in the best companies in the United States. Mr. Rumsey, the president, is a prominent Chicago business man of large and ample means and is well known in the monetary circles of the west. Mr Sleeper, the cashier, is a thorough, practical business man, who understands the banking business and possesses unswerving financial integrity.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS.

There are two shops where good work is done and satisfaction guaranteed.

DRUG STORE.

This necessary branch of business is presided over by Dr. G. B. Snyder, an affable gentleman and a competent druggist, whose purpose has been to keep the necessary medicines to cure the sick and keep the well healthy.

ELEVATORS.

Everly is well and fortunately supplied with two excellent elevators and one warehouse. Rhode Bros., owners of the leading one, are substantial and sterling business men, who are always on the alert and are ever ready and willing to pay the highest market price for grain and stock. They also handle coal and farm machinery. Their elevator is 32x32 and 28 feet high. The store room is 24x48, besides, an office, a large barn and coal sheds are attached.

GENERAL STORES.

In every village, town and city, there will always be found houses that do an immense business annually and display a great amount of skill in the management of their business. Such a house is that of Jesmer & Day, of the pioneer store of Everly. This firm is probably the best known of any in the village. They have the largest store, which is well filled with dry goods, clothing, notions, hats and caps, boots and

shoes and staple and fancy groceries. This firm came to Everly in its infancy, and their stock has grown and kept equal pace with the town. Their prices are so uniformly low and their goods of such excellent quality that they never fail to satisfy their customers. They are gentlemen with whom it is a pleasure to transact business. Honest, courteous and pleasant to their customers, they command a very large and profitable trade. Their store building is 22 feet wide by 84 feet in length, and even with a building of these dimensions its capacity is insufficient to display their goods.

HARDWARE.

In this line of mercantile pursuits Everly is blessed with two—Beebe & Debenham and Fisher—both enterprising and successful merchants. The first named are comparatively new to the place, yet by sheer force of their uniform manner of dealing with their customers and the superior quality of their goods has placed them in the lead in the hardware and furniture trade. They are both business men, enterprising and public spirited and carry a complete and well assorted stock of heavy and shelf hardware, cutlery, carpenters' supplies, cordage and a splendid line of furniture, which for finish and style is certainly superior in every particular. They are prepared to furnish estimates for buildings, erect windmills—the celebrated Axemeter, or to supply a complete household outfit. Their building is a double one, being 40 by 48 feet in dimensions and in an excellent location.

LUMBER.

The lumber yard of Everly owned by Morrow & Willoughby was founded several years ago. This branch of trade is one among the most important in this section of the country, where timber is exceedingly scarce. The demand is quite large owing to the large immigration, the building of dwellings, barns, etc. A lumber yard to be successful and profitable, must carry a large and well assorted stock, otherwise purchasers will seek elsewhere for supplies in this line. The commercial importance of a lumber yard is largely dependent upon the manner in which it meets the demands of the trade. That this firm has fully and completely met all these requirements is shown by their large annual sales and the constant increase in their business. They carry in stock everything in the line of gang and sawed lumber, sash, doors, window frames, mouldings, etc., etc., and sell them as low as they can be purchased in northwestern Iowa. They are ready to furnish estimates on any and all classes of buildings and are willing to meet any competitors in prices. They have large shed room for the protection of their finished lumber and prepared frames, etc. Their yard is located on the north side of the track and is convenient of access. Mr. Morrow, the resident partner, is the manager, and is an excellent lumber man.

THOMPSON HOTEL.

J. D. Thompson, proprietor. Was built in 1887 and has been the leading hostelry in the town of Everly since it was opened. Its rooms are supplied with new furniture, excellent beds, and its table suited to the

tastes of its guests. A pleasing feature of this hotel is that its guests are made to feel at home and no pains or courtesies are spared to conduce to their comfort and personal enjoyment. Mr. Thompson, the landlord, is a genial gentleman, and makes every effort to cater to the wants and demands of his patrons, and those who once stop with him are sure to renew their call when in the village. He is ably and most efficiently assisted in his duties by Mrs. Thompson, a lady possessing rare good judgment and a landlady of pleasant address and ever watchful of her guests' comfort. The Thompson Hotel is one of the model western taverns, and is successful in having and retaining a most excellent patronage. Its prices are uniformly reasonable and are even less than the table and comforts are worth. When you are in Everly call at the Thompson house for a warm and wholesome meal.

HAY PRESSES.

In this line of enterprising industry Everly is well supplied. These establishments are well managed and give work to some forty or fifty men. They press and ship tons upon tons of hay and in consequence their outlays reach way up in the thousands. The hay establishment of George H. Ward is a large factory and converts an immense amount of loose hay into bales and prepares it for shipment. Then there is also the hay press of R. Troendle & Co., which also does a fair business.

EVERLY NEWS.

The town is blessed by having a newsy and spicy weekly newspaper which is eagerly read and liberally patronized. Under the management of Mr. E McBride it has taken rank with the leading weeklies of northwestern Iowa. He has a good office and well supplied with the necessary presses and printing material to do any and all kinds of job work. The paper has a large circulation and is most generously patronized by advertisers.

HARNESS SHOPS.

In addition to his hardware business Mr. Henry Fisher does a good business in the harness and saddlery line. He carries a large stock and is most reasonable in his prices.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There are two meat markets doing a good trade; a restaurant which is well patronized; a livery stable, which is flourishing; a billiard hall; three or four carpenters, two or three painters, a barber shop, a mason and other business enterprises.

A majority of the different branches of business are represented. Coal dealers do a good business.

This town has had considerable difficulty in being christened. When it was originally platted it was given the name of Clark, but this was either unsatisfactory to the railroad company or there was another Clark in the state, at any rate the name of Ocheydan was substituted. This, however, proved equally unsatisfactory and was shortly changed to the name it now bears.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The moral condition of this town is very good and there is seldom any breach of good order or desecration of the same. Like most small towns, the majority of the people are either communicants of some church organization or are attendants. Soon after the establishment of the town and the building of the school house, divine services were held and have been kept up until the present time. The first services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Woolery, during the year of 1885 and 1886. At that time he was pastor of the Peterson circuit. It was found in 1888 that the school house was not only deficient in convenience but inadequate to accommodate the congregations. It was therefore deemed advisable to secure a more suitable place of worship. It was quite evident that it would require the united efforts of the entire town to raise a sufficient sum of money to erect a house of worship. As no denomination had any considerable numerical strength, and as the Methodist pastors of the neighboring towns were about the only ministers holding services, it was decided to build a Methodist church. Contributions were solicited and a sufficient sum was obtained by the most determined efforts to warrant those in charge to commence work. The foundation was laid sometime during the early summer of 1889, and on the 17th day of November, the church was formally dedicated. It is a neat and perfect beauty of a small church. It cost $1,500, and is practically out of debt. It has a tower in which hangs a good bell and is well heated by a large and splendid stove, a donation by the ladies of Everly. The building is 28x40, with a fourteen foot ceiling, and is ceiled and painted. Its sittings are sufficient to accommodate all at present. It is supplied with ash pews, of natural grain, varnished and of elegant shape and make. They were manufactured at Auburn, Indiana. Then there is a handsome black walnut pulpit of excellent design, behind which stand three beautiful upholstered chairs of the very latest pattern. All these are the gift of Hon. I. P. Rumsey, who very generously made this liberal donation. The church is lighted by large chandeliers, and presents a most inviting appearance To Rev. M. B. Keister, the pastor, the good people are indebted largely for this handsome church. From the very beginning he was an indefatigable worker and infused energy into the slow ones, and kept the more active ones constantly on the alert. The present trustees are: Rev. M. B. Keister, J. H. Fischer, A. W. Sleeper, Mrs. M. B. Keister and Mrs. A. R. Tischer. There is a large Sunday school which is ably managed and efficiently taught by competent teachers.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Previous to the fall of 1889, the school house of Everly was a small old fashioned one story frame building, which has, for a year or more, been quite too small for the number of pupils in attendance. It was, therefore, during the year 1888, decided to construct a more suitable building; one large enough to seat all the pupils attending. The present new building was erected during the year 1889 and is a two story 28 by 40 feet in length and breadth and 22 feet high. There are but two rooms, one below and one above. The lower room is at present the only one

occupied. It is supplied with good and suitable school furniture and is modern in all its furnishings. The school has a large attendance and is under the management of Miss Mabel Mann, one the most efficient lady teachers in the country. At the present rapid rate of increase it is more than probable that it will require an additional teacher for the fall term of 1890. The present board of district township directors consists of Henry Fisher, president; Robert Pilbrow, W. F. Shaffer and George Soehrns.

The following is a complete list of names of the male residents and those who live in Everly:

Ahrens C A, s. 160 a70. Born in Benton county in 1862, p o Everly.
Ahrens W W, laborer, m 6, p o Everly.
Baker Raymond, laborer, p o Everly.

Backer H J, billiard hall, m 3, 120, a90. Was born in Peoria, Ill., where he lived for eleven years, and then came to Iowa and located in Benton county, where he lived on a farm until 1885, when he came to Clay county and farmed for two years, and then moved to Everly and engaged in his present business. He owns the n ½ of the se ¼ and the se ¼ of the se ¼ of sec 34, Waterford township.

Beebe E E, of Beebe & Debenham, hardware merchants. Was born in Ogle county, Ill., March 21st, 1861, and lived there until he was eighteen years of age, when he moved to Franklin county, Iowa, and worked in a hardware store, and in addition learned the tinner's trade. He then went to Hampton, where he remained for about three years and removed, this time to Grundy county, where he engaged in farming for two years and then went to Grundy Centre and remained in that place until 1868, when with Mr. Debenham, his partner, he came to Everly and began the business of hardware and furniture dealer. He is an excellent business man, possessing the necessary elements that constitute a successful merchant. In company with his partner, he has, by close application to his trade, succeeded in building up a very profitable business. He was married in June, 1883, to Miss Frances J. Bardole. They have one child, Emerold. He is the owner of 320 acres of most excellent land in Grundy county, the greater part of which is under cultivation.

Beeks Chris, laborer, m 8.
Berger John, farmer, m 3, rents 60 acres.
Berncer John, clerks for E H Deacon, m 5.
Brisbin George, engineer for George H Ward, m 3.
Brisbin Al, laborer, m 2.
Broghammer Frank, book-keeper Everly Bank, p o Everly.

Bowman R C, dealer in horses. Was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, May 27th, 1839, where he lived until he reached the age of 16, when he moved to Dubuque county, Iowa, where he teamed and farmed until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Co. C, 21st Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out

at Baton Rouge, La. After the siege of Vicksburg, in which his regiment formed an important and conspicuous part, losing nearly one-third of its number, it was sent south and joined the Army of the Gulf, where it performed valiant service. Besides Vicksburg it participated in a larger number of engagements, and took a very active part in the capture of Blakely and Spanish Forts. On receiving an honorable discharge for duties honorably and faithfully performed, he laid aside the weapons of warfare and engaged once more in the civil pursuits of life in Dubuque county. In 1870 he came to Clay county and took up a homestead in Clay township, being the nw ¼ of sec 10. He remained on this farm until 1882, when he moved to Lone Tree township and settled on the nw ¼ of sec 12. Subsequently he purchased an 80 adjoining, and lived there until 1885, when he moved to Everly and commenced his present business. He has 240 acres of land, 180 of which is under cultivation. He was married in 1863 to Miss Jennie Lockey. They have five children, Ethel May, John F., Richard L., Mary E., now Mrs. Edward McBride, and Arthur A. When Mr. Bowman first come to Lone Tree township, there were but three or four houses in that place. He has a full and complete knowledge of pioneer life in all its multitudinous and varied phases.

Bowman Frank, s, printer.

Boehmke J F, shoemaker, m 5. He is an industrious man and a first-class mechanic.

Boehmke Annie E, w 1.

Buchoff Marcus, painter, m 2.

Butler Richard, carpenter, m 8-1.

Clement E C, agent C M & St P Ry Co. Has held this position for the past three and one-half years, and is one of the most efficient and accommodating agents on that line of railroad.

Day Wm L, of the firm of Jesmer & Day, general merchants. Was born in Hastings, Minnesota, May 8th, 1862, and has a somewhat varied experience, having traveled extensively. His father died when he was but 12 years of age, and with his mother he moved to Marysville, Kansas, where he lived about six months, and from there went to Milwaukee and remained there a year. From this city he returned to Kansas and settled at Belleville, when, after staying a year, he went to Minneapolis, and after making that city his home for the next two years, he went to Princeton, Illinois, and was a citizen of that place for the next five years. Being so favorably impressed with Minneapolis, he set out for that city, where after arriving he entered a boot and shoe store as a clerk and stayed for nearly a year, when the roving desire again seized him, and the next place he called his abode was Faribault, Minn. Here he remained for three months, laboring in the smelting works. From Faribault he left for Chicago and clerked in a boot and shoe store for eighteen months. Then he came to Iowa and located at Independence. At this place he formed a partnership with Mr. Jesmer and conducted a news stand. On July 4th, 1884, he arrived at Everly and in company

with his present partner opened a general store, and in addition to selling goods, conducted a lumber and coal yard for Frank Weller on commission, as well as having charge of a large farm known as the Teabout ranch. When he first came to Everly, the prospect was anything but flattering and the outlook was overshadowed by many a threatening cloud, but he saw through the overhanging a silvery lining, and with a heart beating with hope and a will capable of surmounting many obstacles, he set to work with a determination to win. In his vocabulary there was no such word as "fail." He toiled early and late, and as the days passed away, the sunlight of success gradually grew brighter and brighter, until it at last broke forth and the dark and gloomy clouds were dispelled. Mr. Day is a young merchant of rare mercantile ability, and his success has been attained by diligence in business and the fervency of the interest he has manifested in his avocation. He has seen Everly when it existed only in name, and has seen and materially aided in making it what it is to-day. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1885 and served in that capacity for three years, discharging the duties of that office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Debenham Wm, of the firm of Beebe & Debenham, hardware and furniture dealers. Was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 28th, 1852. When quite young he moved with his parents to Ogle county, Illinois, where he remained until 1861, when they moved to Stephenson county of that State. Here he lived until 1871, when he moved to Iowa and settled in Grundy county. For 17 years he was a farmer of that county, and is at present the owner of 200 acres of good tillable land in Grundy. In November, 1888, with E. E. Beebe, he came to Everly and opened a hardware and furniture business. They have a large line of goods of unexceptionable quality and quantity. He is a good business man, thorough and careful and a most excellent salesman, and is destined to take a front rank among the business men of Everly. He is a close observer, full of energy, and understands his business in all its minuteness.

Deacon E H, general merchant and postmaster, m 3.
Ericksen Peter, laborer, m 3, 80, a72.
Fergen J, s, manager of Hunting & Co.'s warehouse.
Fisher Henry, hardware merchant, m 5, also harness shop.
Fritz Charles, laborer, s.
Frydenborg Peter, blacksmith, s.
Grinler A, laborer, m 6.
Gilbertson Mrs Mary, w 7.
Green Charles, manager of Troendle & Co.'s hay press.
Hanson Henry, laborer, m 4.
Hatch Wm, carpenter, m 4.
Heldt Peter laborer, m 6.
Hollenbeck J E, laborer, m 3.
Kriester M B, pastor M E Church.
Langford C A, barber, s.
Le Clair Peter, farmer, m 11, rents 160 acres.
Lux Anton, farmer, m 6, rents, 160, a160.

McBride Edward, editor and proprietor of the Everly News. His birthplace was Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and the date of his birth September 5th, 1860. When fifteen years of age, he came west and located at Garner, Hancock county, Iowa, and soon after entered a printing office, where he learned the "art preservative of all arts." He then went to Britt and founded the Northwestern Iowa Advertiser and conducted it for about a year, and after disposing of it returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained some time. He then went to Arizona and soon afterward received an appointment as government printer, and was sent to the military headquarters of that department. After serving in this capacity for some time, he resigned to accept the position of government store-keeper at the Kiowa and Comanche reservation in the Indian Territory. He remained in that office until after there was a change in the administration, when he was removed by President Cleveland for "offensive partisanship." Shortly after his removal, he returned to Iowa and located at Everly and established the News, September 18th, 1887, and which he has since conducted with marked skill and superior ability. He was married in October, 1889, to Miss Mary E. Bowman, of Everly. Mr. McBridge is a young man full of vim, and possesses a plentiful supply of the necessary grit to win in life's steam and stormy conflicts. He came among the people of Clay county a total stranger, and at once began the publication of his paper without the aid of wealthy friends or influential politicians, and alone and unaided he has succeeded in building up a monument to his ambition and industry, that is a credit to himself and a great benefit to the town. He is an excellent manager, a shrewd and keen observer of passing events, a ready and forcible writer, and a young man having fine possibilities before him. His introduction into Clay county's political arena has resulted in a number of innovations that have been alike meteoric in their nature and startling in their character to the old and staid hands who have heretofore manipulated the wires and controlled the conventions, and designated the candidates for office. Mr. McBride, while making no pretentions to being a politician, possesses a very happy faculty of ingratiating himself into the good graces of the people, and commanding and retaining their confidence and respect.

Martinsen Martin, laborer, m 4.

Mayeaux D, laborer, m 4.

Morrow John Jr, member of the lumber firm of Morrow & Willoughby. Was born in Canada, August 6th, 1855. His parents, when he was but six months old, moved to Carroll county, Illinois, and from there to Grundy county, Iowa. At the latter place he lived for twenty years. During his residence in Grundy county, after arriving at the proper age, he alternated his time between the lumber yard and the school-room, where he taught for several terms. In March, 1888, he went to Hartley and remained ten months, and was engaged in the lumber business. Subsequently selling out, he came to Everly, and in company with Mr. Willoughby purchased the lumber yard of Rumsey & Sleeper, and has since employed his time in supplying the farmers in the adjacent vicinity

with this class of necessaries. The yard is located on the north side of the railroad track, and is easy of access. The firm occupies something over a block of ground, on which is piled lumber of every description. Their storing room and office is a building 20x120 feet in dimensions. Owing to the non-residence of Mr. Willoughby, who resides in Grundy county and is a capitalist of large means, the entire management devolves upon Mr. Morrow, who is a young man of excellent habits and superior business methods. He has succeeded in enlarging the business, and has a trade that is extensive and constantly growing. He devotes his best energies to this line of commercial pursuits, and studies carefully and well the wants of his customers, and largely protects them by his cautious and close buying.

Nagle Herman, laborer, s, owns n ½ of se ¼ sec 6, Waterford township.

Owen James, dealer in hay, m 2.

Peters F M, dealer in agricultural implements. Was born in Holland, and came to the United States in 1866. He owns 560 acres of land in Waterford township.

Peterson Wm, laborer, m 4. He also engages in horse raising.

Peterson H H, hay business, m 7.

Rice E A, farmer, m 7, rents 120—120.

Peterson H M, horseman, m 3.

Peterson Peter, laborer, m 2.

Rote George, manager of Troendle & Co's hay press.

Rohde H N, of the firm of Rhode Bros, grain, stock and coal dealers, was born in Germany, October 7th, 1857, and came to this country in 1870 and located at Davenport, where he remained three years, and from there he moved to Iowa county and lived one year, and then to Tama county and stayed there some time. During the time he called Tama county his home he made a trip west and spent considerable time in Montana and other territories. On his return he went to Chicago and from that city came to Everly and worked for some time for Rumsey & Sleeper in their lumber yard, subsequently, in company with his brother, he built their present elevator and commenced the grain and stock business with good success. He is a young man of good business ability.

Rohde D, member of the firm of Rohde Bros, was born in Germany in 1861 and came to America in 1870. A few years ago he moved to Everly and with his brother has engaged in the stock and grain trade. He owns 160 acres of excellent land in O'Brien county.

Rohde L J, was born in Germany and has been a resident of the United States since 1870. He is married and is the parent of nine children.

Rober Peter, laborer, m 4.

Roberts R, proprietor of the Everly feed mill which has quite a good trade. He owns 50 acres of land in Wright county.

Robertson Peter, mason, is an experienced workman.

Schroeder Nic, laborer, m 6.
Schamberg L, laborer, m 2.

Sleeper A W, cashier of Everly bank, is one of the few men who can successfully manage a number of different lines of business enterprises at the same time and yet neglect none of them. He was born in Burlington, New Jersey, March 30th, 1852, and remained an inhabitant of that state until 1878, when he came to Sheldon, Iowa. Previous to coming west he had clerked in a store and subsequently branched out in business for himself, conducting a general store and managed it very successfully. Upon arriving in Sheldon he entered into the banking business, in which he continued several years, but finally went west and again engaged in mercantile pursuits. Finally, disposing of his stock of merchandise, he returned to Sheldon and shortly after formed a partnership with Hon. I. P. Rumsey. This firm's first venture after purchasing the town site of Everly was to open a lumber yard, which, after conducting several years, they sold to Morrow & Willoughby. They also established the Everly bank, which is an institution generally and extensively known for its financial strength. In 1886 they began forming their present large ranch, which consists of 880 acres and is the finest body of land within the limits of Clay county. They erected splendid houses, built suitable stables and barns for the accommodation of their grain and stock, constructed strong and suitable fences and made such other improvements as were necessary for the protection of their animals and such requirements as were needful to carry on the ranch. Few stock farms in the west are more completely or better equipped in every particular than that owned by this firm. In addition to the land and buildings they have large herds of stock. At this time they have 100 head of fine fat cattle, about a hundred head of stock cattle, twenty five horses and a hundred and fifty head of hogs. In addition to these they have just branched out into thoroughbred stock of which they have a splendid lot. Recently they purchased a herd of nine head of short horns which for purity of breeding, excellency of form and color cannot be excelled. At the head of the herd is the Duke of Everly, whose sire is Olive Prince, owned by H. L. Stout of Dubuque, who is himself a prince among his kind, and his son a royal among the most royal, and his breeding as pure as that of those who rank foremost in the titled nobility of the cattle kingdom. Then there are, among the princesses, Redbird, Lady Langtry, Daisy and others, and if the curious desire to know their breeding, or question their title to being members of the right royal family, let them examine page 440 of volume 23 of the pedigrees of finely bred cattle. In the swine line, they have a pen of Poland Chinas, which are beauties. They are all pedigreed animals and are fifteen in number. The male is from the farm of C. W. Jones of Richland, Michigan, who is a noted breeder of this class of hogs. The fourteen females are from the pens of J. C. O'Donnell, of Sheldon, who is an extensive breeder and widely known for the purity and perfectness of his Poland China animals. They have several splendid specimens in their horse department, which are beauties in style and pure in blood. It has required large capital to

purchase these animals and to make the necessary arrangements for providing a place for their proper care; but this they have done and now they propose to engage largely in producing pure blooded animals.

Besides the ranch of 880 acres Mr. Sleeper and his partner are the owners of over twenty-one hundred acres of splendid land in different parts of this and O'Brien county. They have great confidence in the development, settlement and future prosperity of Northwestern Iowa. It may have, and doubtless did, appear a hazardous undertaking to establish a town on the site where Everly now stands, less than five years ago. But it has been accomplished and almost, if not entirely, through the agencies of A. W. Sleeper and I. P. Rumsey, who have been untiring in their labors and unceasing in their efforts. It was no child's play, but by tireless and sleepless vigilance that they succeeded in inducing permanent residents, business enterprises and industries to come and locate. They are, therefore, justly and honorably entitled to the credit of having made Everly.

Mr. Sleeper is vice-president of the Citizen's National Bank of Sheldon and an efficient member of the county board of supervisors. He is liberal, high minded and an honorable citizen, and, as has been shown, one of the leading promoters and most prominent men in Clay county. He has shown a willingness to aid and assist those coming to Everly and to extend a helping hand and an encouraging word to those seeking to obtain a home for themselves. He is a firm and steadfast believer in the future possibilities for Everly and the ultimate establishment of a town which will rival, if not exceed, its sister towns in commercial strength and financial power.

Snyder Dr G B, physician and surgeon was born in Henry county, Illinois, May 8th, 1860, and remained in that state until he reached the age of thirteen, when he went to Adrian, Michigan, and attended school for four years. He then went to Des Moines and for the next two years was in the employ of a barbed wire factory. After severing his connection with this industry he went to Dakota where he pre-empted a claim and followed the occupation of a farmer. By his personal efforts he obtained sufficient funds to enter and pursue a medical course at Ann Arbor, Michigan and subsequently to supplement it by a most thorough course in that famed and noted medical school—the Bellvue Medical College of New York. Upon graduating with high honors he came west and remained at Des Moines some time, and then removed to Sheldon, where he stopped about a month, finally vocating at Everly. The doctor is possessed of excellent natural ability and indomitable pluck, and has, by perseverance, won a position in the front rank of his profession. He is wedded to his chosen vocation and has met with good success and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He has for the past four or five years conducted a drug store, but recently has closed it out and will devote his entire time to his practice. He was married in 1889 to Miss Mary J. Robideaux.

Thompson J D, proprietor of the Thompson Hotel, m 5.

Tischer L, proprietor of restaurant, m 2.
Todd Wm G, laborer, m 3.
Tusler A A, butcher, m 2, owns 160 acres in Nebraska.
Tusler Edgar, teamster, m 5.

Ward George H, dealer in hay, residence Spencer, 86—30, was born near Erie, Pennsylvania, June 26th, 1852, and three years afterwards, with his parents, moved to Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until he was twenty-one years of age. During his stay in Wisconsin, after attending school until about eighteen, he entered the blacksmith shop of his father and learned that trade. Upon attaining his majority he came to Spencer, and, in company with his father, built a shop and began blacksmithing, in which he continued until 1880, when the shop was traded for eighty acres of land in now Meadow township. He shortly afterwards moved on it and for the next three years engaged in farming and cutting and baling hay. At the end of the three years he went to Hartley, where he established a hay press and done quite an extensive business in pressing and shipping hay. He then went to Spencer and in a short time purchased a livery barn and for several years divided his attention between conducting a livery stable and purchasing, pressing and shipping hay. He eventually sold the livery stable to Mack Bros., and shortly after came to Everly, when he purchased his present hay barn and engaged exclusively in the hay business. The main building is 30x40 feet; the store room is 30x60; baling room 20x22; a lean to 18x32; office 8x18; engine room 24x36; which makes a building covering considerable amount of space. The press is a Dedrick heavy belt press, with a capacity of 30 tons per day. The engine is strong, ten horse power. During the year 1889 he had cut and put up the grass on 1680 acres of land and had employed from 10 to 20 teams to accomplish this work in the way of cutting, drawing and pressing. He has not confined himself simply to pressing and shipping what he has cut, but is an extensive buyer of both pressed and unpressed hay. He gives employment to a large force of men and during the busy season ships from two to three car loads daily. Mr. Ward is a stirring and tireless worker, ever on the alert and is brimfull of nervy energy. He is a quiet and unostentatious man, but withal possessed of a restless desire to be constantly in the midst of the busy whirl where business is transacted with a rush and precision. He has been the means of giving employment to a great number of men and has always paid liberal prices for hay and thus made himself a public benefactor. He was married in 1878 to Miss L. G. Kittlewell. They have one child, Harry.

Wohlerd Henry, teamster, m 4.

MEADOW TOWNSHIP.

This township was set off from Spencer in 1882. It has a large number of old settlers, among them being R. E. Jones, E. Capstick, A. J. Rowley, James Jackson, J. R. Gloyd and a host of others. The land in this township is very fine and yields handsome profits to its owners. There are a great many very fine farms and excellent buildings. It is sufficiently rolling for farming purposes, level enough, and at the same time well supplied with water facilities to make it splendid grazing land. The result of this is, that real estate located in this township commands a very fair price in the market. The farmers are energetic and prosperous; there are good schools and well-taught and every feature forbodes nothing but a prosperous future for this goodly township. Below is given a list of its present residents, also the number of acres of land they own and their post office address:

Aebly H, farmer, res sec 24, a160, p o Spencer.
Austin W H, farmer, res sec 26, a160, p o Spencer.
Austin George, farmer, res sec 27, a80, p o Spencer.
Austin C L, farmer, res sec 30, a320 p o Spencer.
Anderson Nels, farmer, res sec 33, a60, p o Spencer.
Anderson A, farmer, res sec 35, a80, p o Spencer.
Austin M, farmer, res sec 28, a80, p o Spencer.
Anderson J, laborer, p o Spencer.
Atkins J T, laborer, res sec 4, a320, p o Spencer.

Anderson Jacob, laborer, Spencer p o, s. Born in Als, Denmark, March 7, 1865, came to this country in 1877. Lived in Howard county, Neb., for a time, then went to Chicago and from Chicago came to Clay county.

Brewer, G W, farmer, p o Spencer.
Beesecker, E, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 5, a160, p o Spencer.
Brenton S, farmer, p o Spencer.
Bisbee, G M farmer, res sec 31, p o Spencer.
Beck R M, farmer, res sec 33, a160 p o Spencer.
Beck H R, farmer, res sec 33, a160, p o Spencer.
Bird M, farmer, res sec 34, a80, p o Spencer.
Brown H P, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 8, a80, p o Spencer.
Bisbee F M, farmer, res sec 31, p o Spencer.
Colvin O, farmer, res sec 32, a80, p o Spencer.
Capstick E, farmer, res sec 22, a80, p o Spencer.
Capstick George, teacher, res sec 22, p o Spencer.
Chamberlain, E D, farmer, res sec 28, a160 p o Spencer.
Christenson J, farmer, p o Spencer.

Constant Chas. A., farmer, Spencer. Was born in Sangamon county Ill., Feb. 10th, 1847, where he resided until 1880, when he came to Clay county and for a number of years was engaged in the mercantile trade. Subsequently he sold out and since then has been engaged in farming

He and his mother own eighty acres of excellent farm land near Spencer on the sw ¼ sec 4, Spencer township.

Davidson J, farmer, res sec 18, a80.
Depue E, farmer, renter, p o Spencer.
Dickinson M E, farmer, res sec 26, a80, p o Spencer.
Doyle T, farmer, res sec 18, a80, p o Spencer.
England A, farmer, res sec 18, a160, p o Spencer.
England W C, farmer, res sec 8, a320, p o Spencer.
Edwards D T, farmer, res sec 2, a80, p o Spencer.
Foster F, farmer, res sec 7, a80, p o Spencer.
Fredrickson R C, farmer, p o Spencer.
Fitzpatrick J, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 8, a80.
Gilbert Geo, farmer, res sec 1, a240, p o Spencer.
Gilbert W H, farmer, res sec 1, a312, p o Spencer.
Gilbert J M, farmer, res sec 25, a160, p o Spencer.
Griffin C H, farmer, res se ¼ sec 5, a160, p o Spencer.
Graham J H, farmer, res sec 17, a80, p o Spencer.
Gloyd J, farmer, res sec 20, a120, p o Spencer.
Hall M, farmer.
Henderson M, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 5, a80, p o Spencer.
Hiser F A, farmer, res se ¼, sec 8, a160, p o Spencer.
Hopkins J H, farmer, p o Spencer.
Hopkins J, farmer, p o Spencer.
Harris J, farmer, p o Spencer.
Husted W M, farmer, res sec 17, a80, p o Spencer.
Heraldson O, farmer, res sec 34, a80, p o Spencer.
Hales H, farmer, res sec 1, a40, p o Dickens.
Johnson N, farmer, p o Spencer.
Jones H L, farmer, res sec 22, p o Spencer.
Jepperson G, farmer, res sec 27, a240, p o Spencer.
Jackson James, farmer, res sec 22, a240, p o Spencer.
Jackson M, farmer, p o Spencer.
Jones R E, farmer, res sec 22, a240, p o Spencer.
Jones W O, farmer res sec 22, p o Spencer.
Jones O W, farmer, p o Spencer.
Jones L, laborer, p o Spencer.
Jensen C, farmer, p o Spencer.
Johnson C, farmer, p o Spencer.

Johnson Charles, farmer, p o Spencer. Was born in Hallan, Sweden, Sept. 26th, 1856, and where he lived until coming to this country in 1871. After arriving at Castle Garden, he went to Illinois, where he staid until 1881, when he came to this county to reside. He has leased a farm of 640 acres, which he manages carefully and successfully. He usually employs from three to five men the year round. He was married in 1883 to Miss L. M. Tropsee. They have three children, Ellen, Annie and Emma.

Ketcham J R, farmer, p o Spencer, m 3. Was born in Niles, Cook county, Ill., in 1852; lived in Cook county thirty-two years, when he

came to Clay county and settled. Owns 120 acres of the nw ¼ of sec 33, Meadow township. He has a good farm house, and 50 acres under an excellent state of cultivation.

Ketcham J W, farmer, res sec 27, a80, p o Spencer.
Kelley E P, farmer, p o Spencer.
Kelley H W, farmer, res sec 28, p o Spencer.

Larsen Anders, farmer, p o Spencer. Was born in Fyen, Denmark, Feb. 5th, 1835. He lived in Denmark until 1874, where he worked on a farm. Hearing glowing accounts of America, the land of the free and a refuge for the oppressed, he decided to come to its shores and seek a home. When he arrived in America he heard of the fertile fields of Iowa, and at once decided to cast his lot among the successful Hawkeye farmers. On arriving in Clay county, the 13th of May, 1874, he sought out and purchased one of the handsome farms for which this county is noted, and in a few short years surrounded himself with all the necessary comforts of life. He owns 240 acres of land, 160 of which is under cultivation. Mr. Larsen is one of the most successful farmers in Clay county. He was married in 1867 to Kersten Rasmussen. They have seven children, Leves A., Robert B., Christena E., Carl C., Peter N., John A. and Clara A.

Lyke B C, farmer, p o Spencer. First saw the light of day August 22d, 1854 in Montgomery county, New York. He lived in that county for about two years, when his parents moved to Rock county, Wis., where he lived until 1881. That year he moved to Clay county, and located on the se ¼ of sec 21, Meadow township, and has since engaged in farming, an occupation he pursued previous to coming to this place. Since his residence in that township he has held the office of trustee and road supervisor. He is a stalwart republican in politics. In 1879 he was married to Miss Margeret Austin. They have four children, John G., William C., Alice A. and Robert B.

Lundbeck J, laborer, p o Spencer,
Larsen R, farmer, res sec 20, a80, p o Spencer.
Larson H M, farmer, p o Spencer.
Lee W D, farmer, res sec 24, a80, p o Spencer.
Lundy J F, farmer, res se ¼ sec 7, a160, p o Spencer.
Larson A, farmer, res sec 34, a240, p o Spencer.
Larson H, farmer, res sec 34, a80, p o Spencer.
Lowerre B F, farmer, res sec 26, a80 p o Spencer.
Merkle J, farmer, res sec 7, a160, p o Spencer.
Murphy J, farmer, res se ¼ sec 3, a160.
Madson J, farmer, p o Spencer.
Martin W, farmer, res sec 11, a320 p o Spencer.

McIntyre Daniel, farmer. Was born in Watertown, Wis., in 1845, and with his parents moved to Portage, when he was but five years old. Here he made his home until 1869. He worked in a cooper-shop for several years, and then went on the river, engaged in rafting. On coming to Clay county in 1869, he took up a homestead, on which he now lives.

He owns 240 acres, 180 being under cultivation. He was married in 1882 to Miss Kate Walsh of Chicago. In February, 1863, he enlisted in company I, 16th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the conclusion of the war of the rebellion, performing valiant service in defense of the Union cause.

Mitts David, farmer, nw ¼ sec 31, Meadow, p o Spencer. Was born in Sangamon county, Ill., Nov. 29th, 1852, where he lived until 1883, when with his family he came to Clay county and purchased 160 acres of farm land in Meadow township, which he has greatly improved. He was married to Miss Mary J. Nelson in 1874. They have five children, Maggie E., James M., Ivy M., Nina S. and Flora Belle.

Nearns Ole, farmer, p o Spencer.
Nichols E, farmer, res sec 34, a80, p o Spencer.
Nash L, laborer, p o Spencer.
Owens C R, farmer, res sec 30, a80, p o Spencer.
Owens D H, farmer, p o Spencer.
Pitcher Wm, farmer, res sec 12, a80, p o Spencer.
Paine G, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 12, a160, p o Spencer.
Pickering O A, farmer, res sec 35, p o Spencer.
Pitcher J L, farmer, res sec 2, a80, p o Spencer.
Pugh P H, farmer, res sec 4, a80, p o Spencer.
Pugh E D, farmer res sec 4, a80, p o Spencer.
Peterson Lars, farmer, p o Spencer.
Pritchard Charles, farmer, res sec 36, a160, p o Spencer.
Pitcher B, farmer, res sec 3, a70, p o Spencer.
Riley F, farmer, res sec 6, a80, p o Spencer.
Riley J, farmer, res sec 6, a80, p o Spencer.
Runyan J, farmer, res s ½ of sw ¼ sec 10, p o Spencer.
Runyan J W, farmer, res sec 10, a80, p o Spencer.
Rosenberger J, farmer, res sec 5, a160, p o Spencer.
Riley John, farmer, res sec 21, a60, p o Spencer.
Reeves A, farmer, p o Spencer.
Rogers S, farmer, res sec 24, a80, p o Spencer.
Rowley A J, res sec 28, a160, p o Spencer.
Richards M, farmer, res sec 30, a160, p o Spencer.

Rasmussen Lewis, laborer, p o Spencer—S. Was born in Denmark Nov. 15th, 1869, and located in Clay county, where he remained until 1884 when he went farther west. In 1889 he returned to Clay County.

Storms Edward, laborer, p o Spencer, S. Was born in New York, April 15th, 1864, and when at the age of four went to Canada with his parents; then to Michigan. During the year 1888 he came to Clay county where he now resides.

Smith A E, farmer, res sec 10, a80, p o Spencer.
Shelton E H, farmer, n ½ sw ¼ sec 5, a80, p o Spencer.
Sands W, farmer, p o Spencer.
Smith E A, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 10, a80, p o Spencer.
Smith L A, farmer, p o Spencer.

Swift, M B. farmer, res sec 20. a70, p o Spencer.
Stephenson A, laborer, p o Spencer.
Scheffler C, laborer, res 28, a160, p o Spencer.
Shenman C H, farmer, p o Spencer.
Snyder C, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 3, a160, p o Spencer.
Shaffer C W, res sec 13, a160, p o Spencer,
Tooker R E, farmer, res sec 6, a160, p o Spencer.
Thompson P, farmer, res sec 33, a80, p o Spencer.
Varney J O, farmer, res sec 16, a800, p o Spencer.
Van Aukin F E, res sec 19, a280, p o Spencer.

Ward J S, farmer, p o Spencer. Was born in New York in 1830, and came to this country in an early day. He was closely identified with many of its vital interests and is an enterprising citizen. He owns 80 acres of fine farm land in Meadow township, forty-five being under cultivation.

Weaver, A E, farmer, res sec 1, a40, p o Spencer.
Weaver, C H, farmer, res sec 1, a160, p o Spencer.
Welch T A, farmer, res sec 2, a80, p o Spencer.
Welch J, farmer, res sec 1, a120, p o Spencer.
Walker George, farmer, res sec 24, a80, p o Spencer.
Walters John, farmer, res sec 28, 80. p o Spencer.
Ward J S, farmer, res sec 30, a80, p o Spencer.
Waldron J P, farmer, p o Spencer.
Walker H, farmer, res sec 27, a320, p o Spencer.
Walker, J, farmer, p o Spencer.
Webb J B, res sec 30, a110, p o Spencer.
Yoemans O, farmer, res sec 27, o80, p o Spencer.

DOUGLAS TOWNSHIP.

Douglas is that congressional township No. 94 north, and 37 west, 5th P. M. It is doubtful if there is another township in Clay county so rich in material resources and with as little waste land as this. The south line just misses the breaks and rough land along the Little Sioux River, while Willow creek traverses it five miles and drains all the north half and affords abundant watering places for stock.

Settled by an industrious and enterprising class of people, having 9 school houses and two churches, with one to be built in the near future, it is no wonder it is rich in all the material resources that go to make up a prosperous people containing between six and seven hundred inhabitants and hardly a dwelling in the township but what is surrounded by beautiful groves. The west half is settled largely by Welsh people, who are as a rule the best of citizens; industrious, economical and naturally

religious, they are a valuable adjunct to any community in which their lot is cast.

Douglas township formerly embraced what is now Herdland, Garfield, Logan, Gillett Grove and Lincoln townships. Of the early settlers William Crozier was perhaps the first permanant settler in the congressional township; he coming in the summer of 1858, and John Kindelspyre settling the same season on sec. 32, now Herdland township. Two years previous Ezra Wilcox had located a claim on sec. 20, in now Herdland township, and George Gillett located on sec. 23, now Gillett Grove township. Both settlements were made in magnificent groves on Sioux River, which now bears their names. There were others at this time that took up claims but lacked fortitude and endurance to stay on them. The earliest permanent settlers with the exception of those mentioned above, were O. C. Potts, David Christy, Thomas Pucket and Paxton Morris, who with their families came in the summer of 1863, and at once erected for themselves the primitive log house, their being plenty of timber for that purpose along the river. The first school house in the township was built in that year, on sec. 32, now Herdland township, on the farm of D. D. Christy. It was called the White School House and was the polling place for the township.

S. W. Dubois, Stephen Dubois, Joseph Watts and son Hiram, Samuel and J. L. Crozier came in June, 1864. All these had families except S. W. Dubois. Peter Dubois, Erastus Treman, Ellis and Ashley George, John Phineas and Jesse Pickering and parents came in the fall of the same year. At that time the nearest railroad station was at Iowa Falls, the Illinois Central having been built to that place that year.

It was indeed a great undertaking for those early pioneers to carve out for themselves and families a home. With Fort Dodge the nearest trading point, a distance of 70 miles from the Sioux River, and the roads many times were almost impassable. Corn was worth at Fort Dodge from $1.50 to $2 per bushel; wheat about $2.60, and a common cow would sell readily at $50.00. What little grain there was that could be spared, was readily taken by new comers for bread and seed.

The summer of 1866 brought another grist of settlers: J. J. Duroe, Ephram Sands, O. G. and J. C. Tabor, all of whom brought their families and took up claims. The Dubois and Sands people moved in with Samuel Crozier until they could build houses for themselves.

After the first settlers had taken all of the desirable claims along the river, the adventurous new comers had to push out on the prairie, and as the majority were poor, but of that class who overcome all obstacles, the most of our prairie settlers turned architects and built sod houses or dugouts, which although dirty, were as a rule warm, and as the material cost nothing, the prairies were soon dotted with sod houses. Strange

that when men suffer such privations as do all pioneers to a new country, they should move on as soon as the country fairly gets under way of settlement; but such is the history of all new countries, and ours is no exception. Two-thirds of our first settlers are gone.

The first caucus ever held in the township was held by the side of a hay stack, near the old Kenyon place, now Adams place, on sec. 34, now Gillet Grove township. Thomas Pucket was nominated Supervisor for the new township. This was in the fall of 1864.

The first township officers were: F. A. Bigsby, clerk; S. W. Dubois, Stephen Dubois and J. L. Crozier, trustees; Samuel Crozier and George Crozier constables; for road supervisor district No. 1, which comprised the whole township, S. T. Collins.

The first official returns on record in the township was of a meeting held at the White School House Oct. 9, 1866, of which E. D. Wright for secretary of state had 44 votes, and S. G. Vananda had one; the vote running the same all the way through for state officers; there being 44 Republicans and one Democrat. For county officers there were 43 votes cast for clerk of courts, of which Wm. Y. Crozier had 37 and B. B. Crego had 6; for recorder P. M. Moore had 37 and C. Kirchner, Jr., had 6. The township officers elected were: Ellis George, clerk; Thomas Pucket and John Watts, justices of the peace; James Halstead and John Pickering, constables; J. L. Crozier, S. T. Collins and Thomas Pucket, trustees; John Watts, assessor; Richard D. Miller, road supervisor.

At this time the land which had all been subject to homestead and pre-emption was taken out of the market until the St. Paul and Sioux City R. R. Co. could make their selection, which was every alternate sec. for 10 miles on each side of the proposed line, as near as practicable on the 43d parallel, about 4 miles north of the township lines. When the Milwaukee road finally built the road through Spencer, many of our oldest homesteaders thought they were unjustly deprived of one-half of their homestead rights by taking the road so far north and throwing the township outside of the railroad limits. However, every available claim was taken before the year 1868, and men seemed as anxious to file on 80 as 160 acres. There was little stock raised here at that time, and corn was nearly a failure, owing, perhaps, to the newness of the land. Wheat yielded from 25 to 40 bushels per acre. What corn there was raised was of the early Yankee varieties, and the blackbirds were so troublesome, that much of the corn was eaten by these pests. Gradually people began to experiment with other varieties, until to-day, corn is the best crop. Stock raising also began to receive more attention, until now, the farmer who has not all the stock he can handle is the exception. One need not go outside of the township to get thoroughbred stock of all

kinds. Previous to the year 1879, almost all of the grain was hauled to Storm Lake, a distance of 25 miles, and during those years the streets of Storm Lake were many times lined with teams waiting to unload grain. Now stock raising and dairying has taken its place, and the inhabitants are largely indebted to this change for the progress they have made. The surroundings are all favorable for the production of stock and dairy products. With a climate admirably adapted to this business with a soil in which grass grows with great luxuriance, and which with even slovenly and slipshod methods of cultivation, produces all kinds of feed in marvelous abundance; with land so cheap that the yearly products of a single cow will pay for an acre of land in the most favorable locality; with water at every man's door; with all kinds of grain feed so cheap and abundant, that it can be sent four thousand miles and then fed with a profit; with transportation so rapid, we can lay down our product in a fresh condition in almost any market of the world, what more could be asked for than what the township already possesses?

We are also looking after the spiritual and intellectual welfare of the coming generation. The Welsh Baptist church is one of the oldest houses of worship in the township, being built in 1867. At present they have 52 communicants and about 65 or 70 Sunday school scholars. The Welsh M. E. church also has a thriving society. There are also two regular appointments at school houses, and one of these has a healthy Sunday school. The Free Methodists also have an appointment. There are 9 schools being taught for six months in the year, with about 200 scholars. The teachers' wages are fixed at $32 for first class, and $30 for 2nd class per month.

The present township officers are: J. L. Eckly, township clerk; Lewis Lewis, T. W. Morris and D. S. Williams, trustees; Theo. P. Powell, assessor and district township secretary; O. K. Vincent, treasurer of district township; Thomas R. Jones and S. Dubois, justices of the peace. The full vote of the township is about 120.

The Welsh Methodist church of this township first began holding services on the 29th day of April, 1873, and services were conducted by Rev. Richard Hughes. An interest was at once awaked, and for the next two years regular preaching was held at the school house. From a small nucleus the membership gradually increased, and in 1875 the members decided to build a house of worship. The contract was let and work was in a very brief time commenced, and on the 25th day of July, 1875, it was formally dedicated. It is a neat building of sufficient size to accommodate the congregations. The following named members are the church committee. David D. Jones, Evan D. Jones, E. E. Jones, W. E. Williams, Evan Griffiths, E. L. Evans and Elias Roberts. There is no lack of interest, and the church which cost $1,200, is wholly out of debt.

besides there is a large membership and a goodly attendance at the various services.

Abell H D, farmer, m 6-4, ne ¼ sec 10, 160—150, p o Sioux Rapids. Mr. Abell is one of the most successful and energetic farmers in the county. He was born in Illinois in 1855, and come to this county at an early day.

Anderson Charles, farmer, res s ½ se ¼ sec 36—80 p o Sioux Rapids.

Asche Goest, farmer, sw ¼ sec 7, 80—80, p o Willow Creek.

Bremer John H, farmer, m 5-1, res nw ¼ sec 3, r, 320—250, p o Sioux Rapids. Was born in Illinois in 1854.

Binge J F, farmer, m 5-1, res se ¼ sec 35, 160—110, p o Sioux Rapids.

Bowen R O, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Bowie W T, farmer, m 4, res n ½ ne ¼ sec 12, 120—80, p o Linn Grove.

Bowdle H M, farmer, m sec 21, a800.

Bradshaw J B, farmer, m 5-1, res se ¼ sec 3, 300—300. Was born in Pennsylvania in 1815, p o Sioux Rapids.

Bradshaw B H, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 3, p o Sioux Rapids.

Brown Wm T, farmer, m 6, sw ¼ sec 13, 160—140, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Pennsylvania in 1840.

Brown J C, farmer, m 6, res ne ¼ sec 24, 320—320, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1850.

Buck C D, farmer, m 6, ne ¼ sec 36 r, 160, p o Sioux Rapids.

Burkholder J Q, farmer, m, res nw ¼ sec 26, p o Sioux Rapids.

Burr John, farmer, se ¼ sec 28, 80—80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in New York in 1816.

Burr George, farmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 28, 40—40, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1848.

Bushey F L, farmer, m 3, res se ¼ sec 24, r, 120—100, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1862.

Chesley J D, farmer, m 5-1, res ne ¼ sec 20, r, 160—85, p o Linn Grove. Born in Ohio in 1856.

Clark Elba, farmer, m 3-1, ne ¼ sec 36, 160—150, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Wisconsin in 1861.

Clark A, farmer, m 2, res ne ¼ sec 2, 160—100, p o Greenville. Born in Pennsylvania, 1822.

Cook Alex, farmer, m 2, res nw ¼ sec 35, 160—100, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Scotland in 1853.

Cramotte Gus, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Craskey J L, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Davis Noah, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 17, 200—100, p o Sioux Rapids.

Davis Timothy, farmer, m 3, res se ¼ sec 29, 440—300, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1830.

Davis John, farmer, s, res se ¼ sec 29, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Wales in 1865.

Davis D B, farmer, nw ¼ sec 32, m 10-1, 160—130, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1846.

Davis W J, farmer, se ¼ sec 32, m 5, 160—125, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1832.

Davis David, farmer, s, res ne ¼ sec 29, p o Linn Grove. Born in Chicago in 1876.

Dubois Hiram, farmer, m 8, n ½ of ne ¼, sec 22—80, p o Sioux Rapids.

Dubois Peter, farmer, m 2, s ½ ne ¼, sec 22, p o Sioux Rapids.

Dubois John, farmer, s, res s ½ ne ¼ sec 22, p o Sioux Rapids.

Dubois Stephen, farmer, m 12, se ¼ sec 16, 160, p o Sioux Rapids.

Dumkreiger J T, farmer, m, s ½ nw ¼, sec 6, 80—60, Linn Grove.

Eade William, farmer, m 4-2, res ne ¼ sec 1, 220—130, p o Greenville. Born in England in 1830.

Eckley J L, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 22, p o Sioux Rapids. Was born in Birmingham, Van Buren county, Iowa, on the first day of January, 1849. When at a youthful age, his parents moved to Knox county, Illinois. For twenty years he remained a resident of that state. On November 5th, 1859, he returned to Iowa and has been a citizen ever since that date. Afterwards he came to Clay county, and is among the few who braved the privations of pioneer life and suffered from the ravages of the grasshopper raids and yet remained. He has been a successful farmer, and although losing almost everything by the grasshoppers, he has succeeded in accumulating considerable property. In 1878 he began in a small way to manufacture cheese, and his business has gradually grown annually until it has developed into large proportions. During the year 1889, he made over 55,000 pounds, which has met with a prompt and ready sale. Mr. Eckley is a leading and influential citizen of Douglas township, and has been, a number of times, chosen by his fellow townsmen as their representative, besides holding a number of township offices.

Evans Wm, farmer, m 4-1, res se ¼ sec 29, 160—80, p o Linn Grove.

Evans Jos, farmer, m 4-1, res sw ¼ sec 32, 80—84, p o Linn Grove.

Evans E L, farmer, m 5, res w ½ se ¼ sec 61, a20, p o Linn Grove.

Evans James, farmer, m, res w ½ nw ¼, sec 32, a80, p o Linn Grove.

Evans George, farmer, m, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 16, a160, p o Linn Grove.

Geisinger, W J, farmer, m, 4-1, res sw ¼ sec 24, 200—175, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois, in 1862.

Geisinger W J, farmer, m 3, res ne ¼ sec 23, 120—120, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1863.

Goodge J S, farmer, m 4-1, r, 120—60, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1860.

Goslar Hans, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Hage James, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Harris A O, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Hanson Simeon, farmer, m, res se ¼ sec 18, a200, p o Linn Grove.

Herrington S B, farmer, m 6, res nw ¼ sec 10, 160—80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Missouri in 1832.

Hoaland Thomas, farmer, res sec 12, p o Sioux Rapids.

Holthouse Lambert, m, res sw ¼ sec 7, nw ¼ sec 17, p o Peterson.

Horr George, farmer, res e ½ se ¼ sec 7, p o Sioux Rapids.

Hughes C J, farmer, m 8, res se ¼ sec 6, 160—75, p o Willow Creek. Born in Wales in 1842.

Hughes John, farmer, m 4, res ne ¼ sec 24, 80—80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Dodge county, Wisconsin in 1847.

Hughes John Capt, farmer, m, res e ½ se ¼ sec 7 and e ½ ne ¼ sec 7, 160—100, p o Willow Creek.

Hurn J C, farmer, m 3-1, res e ½ sw ¼ sec 26, 280—80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in England in 1849.

Jones D D, farmer, m 2-1, res ne ¼ sec 8, 360—180, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1832.

Jones, Evan, farmer, m, res ne ¼ sec 9, 240—120, p o Linn Grove.

Jones Thomas E fafmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 5, 160—130, p o Willow Creek. Born in Wisconsin in 1844.

Jones Griffith, farmer, res n ½ nw ¼ sec 6, 80—80, p o Linn Grove.

Jones Rev J W, res nw ¼ sec 16, a 160, p o Linn Grove.

Jones Hugh E, farmer, m, res n ½ se ¼ sec 16, a120, p o Linn Grove.

Jones G H, farmer, m 2, res sw ¼ sec 4, 160—160, p o Willow Creek. Born in Oshkosh Wisconsin, in 1869.

Jones David R, farmer, m 3, res ne ¼ sec 8, r, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wisconsin in 1857.

Kleine Fred, farmer, m, res sw ¼ of se ¼ sec 22, p o Sioux Rapids. 1845.

Langlois George, farmer and stock breeder, res sec 1, p o Greenville. Was born on the Island of Guernsey, Dec. 7th, 1854, and moved to Racine, Wis., where he lived until 1881, when he moved to Clay county, and purchased 540 acres of land in Douglas township. This he has improved, and has under a fine state of cultivation. He has a large and comfortable house, good sheds, stables and granaries, and everything needed for a comfortable and pleasant home. He is the owner of some very fine specimens of full blood short-horn cattle, the best strains of Poland China hogs and some pure blood Clydesdale horses. These animals are all beauties, and are pronounced to be the very best of their kind. Mr. Langlois has met with extraordinary success in stock breeding, and has a field of horses, cattle and swine that cannot be surpassed by any breeder in the West. He has taken just pride and pains in producing these animals, and has used more than ordinary precaution in getting the very best animals. He has sold a great many of these, and those who have seen them and know what an animal is, do not hesitate to pronounce them superior both as to breeding and quality to any exhibits in Northwestern Iowa.

Lee Clayton, farmer, m, res e ½ ne ¼ sec 30, 80—60, p o Linn Grove.

Lee Wm M, farmer, m, res s ½ ne ¼, sec 17, p o Linn Grove.

Lewis Martha, se ¼ sec 33, p o Linn Grove.

Lewis Lewis, farmer, p o Linn Grove. Was born in Wales in 1844. When he was eight years of age his parents came to New York, remain-

ing there two years, thence coming to Winnebago county, Wisconsin. In August, 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, being in the engagements at Champion Hills, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, marched with Sherman to the sea, north through the Carolinas, and participated in the grand review at Washington. In 1867 Mr. Lewis moved to Clay county, and homesteaded his present residence, se ¼ of se ¼ sec 32, Douglas township. Since here he has acquired 360 acres, and has it all well improved. He early took an active part in the business of his township, and has served in nearly all its offices, having been a trustee for fifteen years. Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Kate Jones, of Oshkosh, Wis., in 1859, and they have raised a family of five children.

Long Edward, farmer, m 2, res nw ¼ of nw¼, sec 30, 40–40, p o Linn Grove. Was born in Wales in 1825.

Lowe Robert, farmer, m, res n ½ sw ¼, sec 36, 80–80, p o Sioux Rapids.

Lundt H B, farmer, m, res w ½ sec 8, 480, p o Linn Grove.

Lundems L J, farmer, m, res s ½ of sw ¼ sec 36, p o Sioux Rapids.

Lynch Patrick, farmer, m, res ne ¼ sec 19, 80—80, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wisconsin in 1859.

Maurer J J, farmer, m 4, res se ¼ sec 4, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Grant county, Wis., in 1857, 160–95.

Mills Jesse E, farmer, m, res n ½ se ¼ sec 30, 80–60, p o Sioux Rapids.

Mitchell David, farmer, m 3, res sw ¼ sec 27, 200—70, p o Sioux Rapids.

Morris T W, farmer, m, res ne ¼ sec 16, 240—120, p o Sioux Rapids.

Morris W H, farmer, m, p o Sioux Rapids.

Morris Robert T, farmer, p o Sioux Rapids.

Murphy Edward, farmer, m, p o Linn Grove.

Owens John, farmer, m 7, rents 80—40, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wisconsin in 1854.

Parry H, farmer, m 4, res sw ¼ sec 31, 75—75, p o Linn Grove. Born in England in 1852.

Parry Wm, farmer, m 7, res ne¼ sec 5, 140—90, p o Willow Creek.

Pearson John, farmer, m, res se ¼ sec 10, 160—80, p o Sioux Rapids.

Phillips Wm, farmer, m 5, res ne ¼ sec 20, 160—120, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1837.

Phillips David, farmer, m, res w ½ sec 9, 320, p o Linn Grove.

Piedersen Hendricks, s, farmer, m 4, res se ¼ sec 31, 160—120, p o Linn Grove. Born in Norway in 1854.

Powell W W, farmer, m 7, res w ½ of sw ¼ sec 30, 120—60, p o Linn Grove. Born in England in 1855.

Powell Llewellyn, farmer, m 2, res sec 31, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wisconsin in 1862.

Powell Theophilus P, farmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 30, 240, p o Linn Grove.

Radabaugh John, farmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 19, 160—150, p o Sioux Rapids.

Reese Henry, farmer, m 5–1, res e ½ nw ¼ sec 33, 140, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wisconsin in 1851.

Richards Evan, farmer, m, res nw ¼ sec 5, 80—60, p o Willow Creek.

Roberts G H, farmer, m 2, res ne ¼ sec 4, 160—95, p o Willow Creek.

Roberts Jane, farmer, w 5, res se ¼ sec 28, 240—150, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1849.

Roberts Hugh, farmer, m, res sw ¼ sec 28, 200—120, p o Linn Grove.

Roberts R P, farmer, p o Linn Grove.

Roberts David, farmer, m, res nw ¼ sec 17, 280—140, p o Linn Grove.

Ross George, farmer, m, res nw ¼ sec 22, 160—90, p o Linn Grove.

Rosser Roger, farmer, s, res se ¼ sec 29, 80—55, p o Linn Grove. Born in Ohio in 1865.

Smart James, farmer, m 5, res ne ¼ sec 34, 220—80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Scotland in 1847.

Snelling H N, farmer, m, res sw ¼ sec 15, 160—90, p o Willow Creek.

Struck Jacob, farmer, m, res sw ¼ of ne ¼, sec 12, p o Annieville.

Tanhoff, Phillip, farmer, p o Linn Grove.

Thomas V R, farmer, m, res s ½ of sw ¼, sec 23, 80—60, p o Sioux Rapids.

Vincent O K, farmer, m, res n ½, sec 13, 320-200. Was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1849. Moved to Lee county, Illinois, and in 1854 moved to Marshall county, Ia., where he married Sophia Arnold. In 1881 he moved to Sioux Rapids, where he lived one year, then moved out on his farm on the Willow Creek, in Douglas township, where he now resides. In 1883 was elected township treasurer, and in 1887 county supervisor, and holds both offices at the present time.

Watson R, S, farmer, m 2, res sw ¼ sec 2, rents 680—125, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1862.

Williams David S, farmer, m 6, res se ¼ sec 34 200—110, p o Linn Grove. Born in Wales in 1840.

LAKE TOWNSHIP.

Originally Lake was a part of Bridgewater, and was set off as a congressional township in 1882. It derives its name from the number of lakes within its borders. It was early settled by an excellent class of citizens, who have been energetic and frugal, and tilled its soil to good advantage. It possesses some excellent farm and hay land, and is also a fine stock township. It has good school houses, which are well managed and taught. Among its first settlers were J. A. Anthony, who was subsequently followed in years by D. M. Green, Capener, Cutshall, J. G. Duncan and a host of others. Among its very first settlers was a German, who built a small cabin, and lived there along in 1866 and 1867. In and around these lakes for many years was the constant habitation of Indians during the hunting and fishing seasons. There were a number of Indian relics found near these lakes, showing that it was a common rendezvous for wandering tribes. Mr. Anthony gives a description of a

fort which he found in a good condition upon his settlement on Lost Island Lake. The game was plentiful at times, and the protection from storms and excessive heat very fair, and consequently the Indians found it a very comfortable place. The citizens of the township are very confident that the Rock Island Railroad at no distant day will extend its branch northward from Ruthven, and thus supply them with better railroad facilities. When this is accomplished, there can be no doubt but what Lost Island and its surrounding lakes will be utilized for a summer resort, besides the land will greatly increase in marketable value

Anthony John A, farmer, res 36, 147—82, was born in Delaware county, New York, August 13th, 1818, and remained a resident of that county for eleven years, when he moved to Broome county, where he lived for a great many years. In 1869 he came to Clay county, and located near the north side or end of Lost Island Lake. Here he has since remained. He has seen these broad prairies when there was not a house to be seen within the range of his vision. He has seen it slowly and gradually rise from a vast and uninhabitable plane to a thriving and well populated township and county. When he first settled at the edge of this beautiful lake, it was a perilous undertaking, as it was and had been a common camping ground for roving bands of Indians. But fortunately he remained undisturbed, and the few Indians that visited at this pleasant spot left him unmolested. During the first years of his residence, at times there was a feeling of loneliness at being separated so far from civilization, but his anxiety to improve his possessions and secure a comfortable home, in time drove away these sad and desponding feelings. Then there was plenty of diversion. Game at that time was plentiful, fish in abundance, and many other amusements to turn the mind from the channel of sad or regretful thoughts. Mr. Anthony gave the writer a most minute description of an old fort located about one and a half miles east of where he resides, which was in a good state of preservation when he arrived at the lake. He states that a rifle pit was thrown up to considerable height, and port holes were plainly to be seen. There were many evidences to indicate that it had been in use at some previous period from the scattered pieces found in and around it. His conclusions are that at some time a roving tribe of Indians, probably belonging to the Sioux, who were the more intelligent, had come to Lost Island Lake to spend the winter, and as there was a scarcity of timber, and also a number of other hostile bands traveling through that section, it was decided to erect this fortress as a protection against the severe storms that prevailed, as well as a place of safety should some of their enemies attempt to attack them. This fort remained in existence for a number of years, and was quite a curiosity. Lost Island Lake is the largest body of water in the county, its banks are gravelly, and it is surrounded by a plentiful supply of shade trees. Mr. Anthony has a comfortable home, located within a short distance of the lake, where he is quietly and pleasantly spending his declining years. He is an entertaining talker, and has a large fund of early incidents and events with which to regale his friends and visitors.

Bernhagen Michael, farmer, nw ¼ sec 30, p o Spencer. Was born near Berlin, Germany, in 1835, where he lived until 1866, when he came to America and located in Wisconsin. He lived there until 1871 when he came to Clay county and took up a homestead in Lake township. He owns 440 acres of land, 60 of which is well-improved. He was married in 1857 to Miss Amelia Hartwig. They have six children, Bertha, Paulina, Mary, Willie and Sophia. Mr. Bernhagen is an excellent and successful farmer of Lake township.

Brace Moses, farmer, pt sec 28, 312, p o Dickens.
Benton S, farmer, w ½, sw ¼ sec 10, 160, p o Dickens.
Batcher August, farmer, se ¼ of se ¼ secs 17 and 20, a214, p o Spencer.
Baker N, farmer, res se ¼ of se ¼ sec 28, 40, p o Spencer.
Beckwith M J, farmer, res sec 7, r 400, p o Spencer.
Beckwith D B, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 6, 160, p o Spencer.
Benton Daniel, hay press, p o Dickens.
Christensen B, farmer, res nw ¼ of nw ¼ sec 25, 156, p o Dickens.
Chevelier A H.
Courtwright C G, w ½ sec 34, p o Ruthven.
Card C W, farmer, nw ¼ sec 13, 160, p o Ruthven.
Capener Wm, farmer, se ¼ of ne ¼ sec 11, 40, p o Ruthven.
Capener J E, farmer, res e ½ se ¼ sec 24, 80, p o Ruthven.
Capener Clarence, p o Ruthven.
Chapman O W, farmer, pt sec 34, 140, p o Ruthven.
Carpenter C V, teacher, p o Ruthven.
Craft F, laborer, p o Dickens.
Cutshall S L, farmer, sw ¼ and w ½ se ¼ sec 62, 25, p o Spencer.
De Groff Wm, farmer, w ½ s w ¼ sec 13, p o Ruthven.
Darland J Charles, res sec 12, p o Ruthven.
Dundee A, farmer, res sec 12, p o Ruthven.
Duncan J G, farmer, res s w ¼ sec 31, 160, p o Spencer.
Duncan C G, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 31, p o Spencer.
Duncan E T, farmer, res sw¼ sec 31, p o Spencer.
Eldridge Wm, farmer.
Ennis E, farmer, res sec 19, r, p o Ruthven.
Fitzgerald F, farmer, res pt sec 36, 80, p o Dickens.
Francke Wm, farmer, res sec 35, r, p o Ruthven.
Fadden James, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 28, 160, p o Spencer.
Green Frank, farmer, res e ½ se ¼ sec 4, 80, p o Spencer.
Green John, farmer, res w ½ nw ¼ sec 17, 80, p o Spencer.
Green D M, farmer, res se ¼ se ¼, of sw ¼ and sw ¼ of ne ¼ sec 18, p o Spencer.

Hanson Joseph, farmer, w ½ se ¼ sec 23—219, p o Ruthven.
Hanson John, farmer, w ½ ne ¼ sec 23, p o Ruthven.

Hatch L F, farmer, sw ¼ sec 4, a 160 p o Spencer.
Harris V F, farmer, res ne ¼ of ne ¼ and se ¼ of ne ¼ sec 31, a80, p o Dickens.
Imsland Nelson, farmer, res sec 12. p o Ruthven.
Jones A M, farmer, res se ¼ sec 32, a160, p o Dickens.
Janes D F, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 32, a240, p o Dickens.
Ledger A, farmer, res lots 3 and 4, sec 27, a120, p o Dickens.
Munsen Peter, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Munson M, laborer, p o Ruthven.
Milliken R S, farmer, res e ½ ne ¼ and nw ¼ of ne ¼ sec 12, p o Ruthven.
McDougal E N, farmer, res w ½ nw ¼ sec 22, p o Spencer.
Morse E E, farmer, s ½ se ¼ sec 5, a80, p o Dickens.
McGroda E H, res sec 30, r, p o Spencer.
Newcomer D L, res sec 32, p o Dickens.
Ponsness Lars L, farmer, nw ¼ sec 11, a160, p o Ruthven.
Ponsness Jens, farmer, n ½ sw ¼ and sw ¼ of sw ¼ sec 11, p o Ruthven.
Preston Daniel, farmer, sec 21, p o Dickens.
Power C, farmer, res ne ¼ nw ¼ sec 29, a40, p o Dickens.
Pooler Levi, farmer, res w ½ sw ¼ and sw ¼ of nw ¼, sec 8, p o Spencer.
Rossitter Jesse, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 29, a160, p o Spencer.
Rossitter Charles, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 29, a160, p o Spencer.
Smith M F, farmer, res sec 35, r p o Ruthven.
Simington J J, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Shaffer Frank, farmer, res s ½ sec 3, a693, p o Spencer.
Smith Warren, laborer, p o Spencer.
Teel George, farmer, res pt sec 36, a160, p o Ruthven.
Thompson S, farmer, res e ½ se ¼ sec 31, a160, p o Dickens.
Valley James, farmer, pt sec 27, a235, p o Spencer.
Wade Wm, farmer, res ne ¼ nw ¼ sec 9, a40, p o Spencer.
Weber N, farmer, res ne¼ sec 8, p o Spencer.
Welch J M, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 9, p o Spencer.

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP.

This township was organized July 7th, 1874, by being set off from Spencer, to which it was formerly attached. The first settlement made in Riverton was by James and Charles Carver, R. B. Hough, Frank Wells and "Father" Wells, who went there in 1868 or 1869. The number was not increased until 1870, when Parson Randall and Messrs. Shoemaker and Bales settled in that section. In 1871, Major A. H. Cheney, T. O. Phelps, P. E. Randall, Jas. Asburne, J. G. Richards, Joseph White, Cook Bros. and a host of others came to the county and located. In addition to them, also came J. D. and Geo. H. McDonald, George H. and John Andrews. For a time these were the only settlers, but finally there was quite an influx in 1879, when the railroad lands came into market, and Riverton was considerably augmented. When

the board of supervisors set off Riverton, it authorized and empowered Major Cheney to call an election and swear in the judges of election. Officers were duly elected, and the township was properly equipped and prepared to manage its own affairs as a township. Riverton has from that date borne an honorable part in the county's history. Its inhabitants have always been among Clay county's best citizens, and have had the reputation of being enterprising, honorable and prosperous. The township is most fortunately located, being watered by the Little Sioux and Ocheydan rivers, and traversed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. It borders Spencer on the west, in fact a part of the town of Spencer lies within the congressional township of Riverton. A visitor to this place cannot but be impressed with the general evidences of thrift, the pleasant and comfortable location of its farmers. There are quite a large number of farmers who give particular attention to stock-raising, among them being the Lachner Bros., Geo. W. Anderson, J. H. Doty, W. E. Rose, Dr D. E. Knight, J. D. Goldsworthy, G. N. Clark, L. Bridinger, and a number of others. They have all classes and variety of breeds. It is no disparagement to other townships to say that the Riverton farmers as a whole are the best situated in the county. The land is of a most excellent character, and annually yields a large reward to its owners. The general condition of the soil, the favorable location of the township renders it among the most favorable in the county. The township is therefore a prominent factor in point of wealth, resources, educational facilities, social advantages and political influences. Spencer and Everly are both easy of access, and the farmers of this township are therefore conveniently situated to take advantage of either market. Its present township officers are: Trustees, W. K. Hanson, C. C. Little and F. G. Alvord; Clerk, W. F. Torbert; Justices of the Peace, W. F. Torbert and M. S. Purinton. Land in this township commands a good price, and in real estate circles it is gradually increasing. Its finances have in the main been most admirably managed, as is indicated by an examination of its present condition.

Ashburn James, farmer, m 11, res sec 32, a160, p o Spencer. Was born in McLean county, Ills., in 1845, and came to Clay county in 1867, being one of the first settlers.

Atkinson D C, farmer, res sec 32, a160, p o Spencer. Was born in England in 1825.

Atkinson W A, farmer, m 2, res sw ¼ sec 32, rents, p o Spencer. Was born in Wisconsin in 1858.

Alvord F G, farmer, res sec 8, a165, p o Spencer. While comparatively a late comer to Clay county, yet he is one of the leading farmers of Riverton, and is one of its most prominent citizens.

Anderson Geo W, farmer, res sec 10, a160, p o Spencer. Came to Clay county in 1881, and for a time was in the Clay County Bank, but the greater part of his time has been spent on the farm. He is one of Riverton's most progressive farmers and leading agriculturalists. He has a fine farm, which is under excellent cultivation, besides owning some very valuable stock.

Anderson B F, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 5, a130, p o Spencer.

Bedford Walter, farmer, res sec 8, a80, p o Spencer. Has lived in Clay county a number of years, and proved a worthy citizen. He served his county valiantly during the late war of the Rebellion, and proved a faithful soldier. He is an industrious, energetic and successful farmer and a worthy citizen.

Bridinger E W, farmer, res sec 4, p o Spencer.

Brande J A, farmer, res sec 6, p o Spencer. For a number of years taught school, but for some time past has been engaged in his present occupation.

Bridinger L, farmer, res sec 4, a 80, p o Spencer. Is an active and wide-awake farmer and stock raiser, with plenty of push and enterprise.

Bean W W, farmer and railroad contractor, nw ¼ sec 26, a160. p o Spencer. Is one of the older settlers and successful farmers. Of late years he has given up farming and devoted his entire attention to rail road contracting.

Cooley Clark, farmer, res sec 28, rents 160, p o Spencer, was born in Buchanan Co, Iowa; went to Nebraska then came to Clay.

Clark G N, farmer, res sec 5, a225, p o Spencer, came to Clay in the earlier times and took up a homestead which he has improved and added to until he has a most excellent farm and is the owner of some valuable stock. He has been remarkably successful in all his enterprises and is one of the leading men and farmers of his section.

Cornwell H E, farmer, res sec 5, a130, p o Spencer, owns a fine farm; came to Clay in 1880 and has done well.

Crouse August, farmer, res sec 3, a60, p o Spencer.

Crouse Herman, farmer, res sec 3, a160, p o Spencer.

Duke J, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 18, rents, p o Spencer.

Dennis F, farmer, res sec 11, rents, p o Spencer.

Drager Wm, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 3, a135, p o Spencer.

Drager Goetlick, farmer, res sec 3, a20, p o Spencer.

Duke Francis, farmer, rents, p o Spencer.

Davis W H, farmer, m 3, res e ½ nw ¼ sec 28, a 80, p o Spencer, was born in Henry county, came here in 1880.

Doty J P, farmer, res e ½ se ¼ sec 4, a80, p o Spencer.

Doty J H, farmer, res sec 4, a250, p o Spencer. He is one of Riverton's best farmers and a leading citizen. He served three years in defense of his country and received an honorable discharge. He is known for his enterprise and public spiritedness.

Fitzloff Julius, farmer, res sec 14, a80, p o Spencer.

Farnum Geo E, farmer, res sec 21, a320, p o Spencer, born in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1851 and came to Clay county in 1882 from Faribault, Minn. He is an extensive farmer and dealer in hay. He has a most excellent farm which is well improved.

Griffith Peter, farmer, res sec 32, a160, p o Spencer, born in Ireland and came to Clay in 1877,

Goldsworthy J T, farmer, p o Spencer, came to this county along in

the seventies and for a number of years engaged in farming and stock trading. In 1881 he went to Montana in company with a party and spent two years in that country. Shortly after his returned to Spencer he opened a bank in Ruthven, which he conducted several years finally selling it and again returning to Clay county, he engaged in agricultural pursuits and has been very successful. He is full of energy and his business enterprises have been, in the majority of cases, successful and brought him a rich reward. He was married in December, 1884, to Miss Bedford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bedford. He is the owner of 240 acres of land.

Gould C F, farmer, res sec 32, a80, p o Spencer.

Greenman J. farmer, res sec 30, a80, p o Spencer.

Gruchow A, farmer, res sec 11, p o Spencer.

Gruchow John, farmer, res sec 15, a160, p o Spencer.

Goodale J M, farmer, res s ½ sec 2, a320, p o Spencer.

Gruchow H, farmer, res sec 11, p o Spencer.

Gerth A. farmer, res sec 3, a120, p o Spencer.

Goetecke A, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 9, rents, p o Spencer.

Goldsworthy J D, farmer, is one of Riverton's best known citizens having been prominently identified with that township for a great many years. He is brimful of business and a persevering and successful farmer and breeder of stock. He owns a large body of land and is one of the most extensive dealers in stock in the county.

Hilliard Ira, brick maker, res s ½ ne ¼ sec 1, a80, p o Spencer. Mr. Hilliard has a large yard and makes a superior class of brick for which he has a large demand.

Hartman Henry, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 20, p o Spencer, born in Union county, Penn., came here in 1871.

Hollenberg A B, farmer, s, renter, p o Spencer, was born in Sweden.

Hein August, farmer, res sec 25, a120, p o Spencer.

Hanson W K, farmer, res sec 28, a160, p o Spencer, born in Warren county, Ia. came to Riverton in 1880. He is township treasurer and trustee.

Hartman J W, farmer, res sec 17, a120, p o Spencer, is an old resident of the county and has spent years in tilling its soil.

Haggarty Patrick, farmer, res sec 29, a160, p o Spencer.

Hanna Phineas, farmer, m8, res se ¼ sec 16, a160, p o Spencer, born in Ohio in 1844.

Immar Francis, farmer, res sec 15, a80, p o Spencer.

Isaacson John, farmer, res sec 33, a160, p o Spencer.

Johnson Frank, farmer, res sec 33, a160, p o Spencer.

Johnson Elmer, farmer, res se ¼ sec 28, a160, rents, p o Spencer.

Johnson August, farmer, res sec 32, a80, p o Spencer.

Jakaway F E, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 2, rents, p o Spencer.

Jones Arnold, farmer, res sec 18, a80, p o Spencer.

Jones Samuel, farmer, res sec 8, a70, p o Spencer, is one of the standbys of the township, having come here in an early day. He is an upright and honorable citizen and a kind and generous neighbor.

Knight D E, farmer, res sec 25, a240, p o Spencer. The docter came from Illinois to this county in 1877 and for a number of years practiced medicine but subsequently retired from the profession to engage in agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of a most excellent farm which is splendidly improved. It is well stocked with some of the best bred animals in the county.

Kleckner H M, farmer, res sec 8, a60, p o Spencer.

Krause August, farmer, res se ¼ sec 3, p o Spencer.

Kramer J J, farmer, res sec 15, a80, p o Spencer.

Krause H, farmer, res se ¼ sec 3, a160, p o Spencer.

Lloyd John, farmer, res sec 30, a80, p o Spencer.

Lachner Fred, farmer, res sec 9, a80, p o Spencer. The Lachner Bros. are generally known throughout the county for being the breeders of some very fine hogs.

Logan D. J, farmer, res sec 32, a240, p o Spencer, m 11, was born in Crawford Co, Penn., moved to Sioux Rapids and from there to Riverton in 1871.

Lounsberry C. farmer, res sec 24, a80, p o Spencer, an old resident and a good farmer.

Lowder Joseph, farmer, res sec 10, a320, p o Spencer.

Lachner John, farmer, res sec 9, a80, p o Spencer, a member of the firm of Lachner Bros., dealers in poland china hogs.

Little James, farmer, res sec 34, a80, p o Spencer.

Little C C, farmer, res sec 35, a160, p o Spencer.

Lachner George, farmer, res sec 9, a160, p o Spencer. In addition to farming he devotes considerable time and attention to raising fine hogs.

Muetzel Fred, farmer, res sec 36, a240, p o Spencer, is one of the old residents of the county and has a splendid farm located on Paririe Creek, well stocked with cattle, horses and hogs.

Marks August, farmer, res sec 36, a240, p o Spencer, came to this county in the early days of its existence and has been very successful in agricultural pursuits.

McArdle James, farmer, res w ½ ne ¼ sec 30, a80, p o Spencer, is another old settler who has passed through the early struggles of the county and is a part of its history.

McArdle John, farmer, res sec 30, a80, p o Spencer, came to the county many years ago, and comprehends in no small degree the troubles and trials of pioneer life.

McGuire James Sr, farmer, res sec 34, a160, p o Spencer. Was born in Ireland, and came here in 1871 from Dubuque county.

McGuire James Jr, farmer, res sec 34, p o Spencer.

Mencer Wm H, farmer, res sec 34, a160, p o Spencer. Was born in Mahaska county, and moved to Poweshiek county, and from there to Clay in 1877. Has held several township offices.

Maurer Joseph, farmer, res sec 23, rents a640, p o Spencer.

Muetzel Wm, farmer, res sec 36, p o Spencer.

Nefzger Theodore, farmer, res sec 25, a160, p o Spencer.

Purinton M S, farmer, res sec 21, rents, p o Spencer. Was born in East Farnam Canada, Feb. 26th, 1849, and came to Clay a number of years ago. Has held a number of local and township offices.

Phelps E A, farmer, res sec 26, a80, p o Spencer.

Runkle Wm, farmer, res sec 20, a160, p o Spencer. Was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1834, and came to Clay in 1879

Paddock H J, farmer, res sec 26, a160, p o Spencer.

Pickering Benj, laborer, res sec 28, p o Spencer.

Runkle J P, farmer, res sec 18, p o Spencer. Was born in Stevenson county, Illinois, in 1856, and came here in 1883. Rents 240 acres and cultivates 200.

Rose W E, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 18, a160, p o Spencer. Few farmers in the county have been more successful in tilling Clay county soil than Mr. Rose. He is the owner of an excellent farm, and is surrounded by a good house, stables and barns, and a large amount of stock. He is among the most prosperous of Riverton farmers.

Ross O B, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 35, a160, p o Spencer.

Sherbondy Geo, farmer, res se ¼ sec 20, p o Spencer. Was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and has been a resident of Clay since 1885.

Shorb J A, farmer, res sec 22, rents, p o Spencer. Farms a section of land, and deals extensively in cattle.

Smith S, farmerr, es sec 30 a160, p o Spencer.

Smith J P, farmer, res n½ of s ½, sec 28, p o Spencer, m S. Was born in New York in 1844, came here in 1881.

Smith G H, farmer, res sec 34, a160, p o Spencer.

Squires J B, farmer, res sec 6, a120, p o Spencer. Came here many years ago from Wisconsin. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been an invalid for many years, he has made farming profitable.

Stuben Peter, farmer, res sec 16, rents, p o Spencer.

Stanton G W, farmer, res sec 26, a120, p o Spencer. He dates his connection with Clay county back into the seventies; and has been closely allied to its growth and development. An excellent man, a first class farmer and a progressive citizen, are qualities which have marked his career since his residence in Clay.

Tercey G W, farmer, res e ½ se ¼, sec 24, rents, p o Spencer.

Turner E R, farmer, res sec 25, a80, p o Spencer. Was born in Gibson county, Indiana in 1853, and came to Clay in 1882 from Edwards county, Illinois.

Torbert W F, farmer, res sec 18, p o Spencer, m 5-1. Was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin in 1848, and came to Clay June 1st, 1870. During his residence in Riverton township, he has held the office of justice of the peace, township clerk, a steward in the M. E. church, and has taught several terms of school. He is a good citizen and a pleasant neighbor.

Vultmer Henry.

White T L, farmer, res sec 23, a160, p o Spencer. Was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and subsequently came to Iowa and

settled in Blackhawk county. In 1872 he moved to Riverton township. He was township treasurer from 1884 to 1887.

Williard L H.

Wyatt T L, farmer, res sec 24, a160, p o Spencer. Camo to Clay several years ago, and since that date has been prominently associated with many leading movements in the county. He is a good citizen and one of the aggressive farmers of the county.

Witter A W, farmer, res sec 24, a120, p o Spencer. Has been a resident of the county several years past. He is an active and wide-awake farmer. He has devoted considerable attention to the dairying business, and has made it a decided success.

Wright J C, farmer, res sec 16, rents, p o Spencer,

Walker S F, farmer, res sec 5, a125, p o Spencer. Moved to Clay several years ago, and has engaged extensively in farming.

White H G, farmer, res sec 10, a160, p o Spencer. Is an old settler and a thorough farmer. For a number of years, with his brother, he engaged in the pump business, but of latter years has given his entire time to agricultural pursuits.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.

It was during the year 1872 that this township was created. Previous to this date it had been a part of Spencer, but it settled so rapidly that it was deemed advisable to give it the authority to govern itself in regard to local affairs. It belongs to the northern tier of townships, and with the exception of three townships containing towns, it is the wealthiest in the county. The soil is a rich loam, and is well adapted for producing either grain or grass. It is none too high nor too low, but a happy medium between the two extremes, and is therefore able to withstand either the extreme droughts or rainy seasons. It is just sufficiently rolling to carry off a heavy fall of rain and yet to retain enough moisture during the dry times to grow good crops. The Little Sioux river courses its way in a diagonal direction through the township, while smaller channels coming from different directions empty into this common reservoir. The land is therefore rich and productive, and the amount of grain raised is simply immense. For grazing purposes few if any townships surpass or excel it, and for that reason it is the center of stock raising in the county. It goes without question that there is double the amount of stock owned by the farmers and dealers in Summit township than any other in the county. Some firms handling in the course of a year from 2,000 to 5,000 head. Its farmers are permanent, prosperous and pushing, and nearly every citizen is in well-to do circumstances. Probably the first settlement made in that township consisted of such men and their families as Thomas Berry, Peter Nelson, G. W. Clark, James O'Brien and others, who located in 1869. These were the beginners. During the next year there came James Anderson, Charles

Justus, Mr. Emerson, Ole Berg, Martin Rassmussen, Frank Miller, Jas. Peterson, Nels Sorrenson. The next year brought among its present settlers James Goodwin, W. H. Webb Charles Tennant, I. B. Titus and quite a large number of others who still reside there. Everthing has tended towards prosperity in that township, with the exception of the grasshopper raids, which gave it a very bad set-back. But with this single exception prosperity has attended its citizens. They have good citizens, energetic farmers, good local government, excellent school houses, taught by proficient instructors, and everything required to make living there pleasant and profitable. The present board of trustees consists of Charles Scharf, Charles Tennant and John Wilburn; Assessor, I. B. Titus; Clerk, Walter Clark; Justices of the Peace, Charles King and Peter Wood. Among the farms of note are Goodwin & Webb's, Frank Ryerson's, Peter Schuneman's, Charles Scharf's, Charles Tennant's, A. J. Livingston's W. W. Claypool's, and a large number of others which are under excellent cultivation, with splendid farm houses, barns and stables.

Anderson A, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 11, a160, p o Spencer.
Anderson J C, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 2, p o Spencer.
Akers A F, farmer, res n ½, ne ¼ sec 10, a80, p o Spencer.
Bellis O, farmer, res sec 28, p o Spencer.
Berg Ole, farmer, res n ½ ne ¼ sec 4, a80, p o Spencer.
Babcock Frank, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 35, a160, p o Spencer.
Beekly Joseph, laborer, p o Spencer.
Bering D E N, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 5, a160, p o Cromwell Center.
Berry F, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 11, p o Spencer.
Berry F, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 11, p o Spencer.
Berry Fred, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 11, p o Spencer.
Berry E, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 11, p o Spencer.
Berry B, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 11, p o Spencer.
Bisbee Ira, farmer, res s ½ sec 36, a320, p o Spencer.
Bellis J G, farmer, n ½, sw ¼ sec 28, a80, p o Spencer.
Cullen A W, farmer res ne ¼ sec 21, a160, p o Spencer.
Cross B B, p o Spencer.

Claypool W W, farmer, res n ½ sec 13, a320, p o Spencer. Came to Clay county from the eastern part of the State in 1881, and since that time has been one of the largest farmers in Summit. Besides his farming he is a large stock raiser and is regarded as one of the solid men of the county. He is liberal and public spirited, and displays it in every worthy cause.

Clark Geo W, farmer res sec 18, a580, p o Cromwell Centre. Is one of the earliest settlers of Summit. He has been prominently identified with the township for a great number of years, and known throughout the county as an upright and honorable citizen and a successful farmer.

Clark J C, farmer, p o Spencer.
Chilson A J, farmer, res w ½ nw ¼ sec 24, 80, p o Spencer.
Cornwell W E, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 33, 80, p o Spencer.
Derksen J, laborer, p o Cromwell Center.

Fuhr C, farmer, res e ½ se ¼ sec 30, 80, p o Spencer.

Goodwin James, res sec 36, Summit township, p o Spencer. Was born in Auburn, Geauga county, Ohio, in 1825. Lived in this county until he was between twelve and thirteen years of age, receiving only a limited education. At this early age he decided to shift for himself and to depend on his own resources to hew his way through this world. He went to Lorain, where he remained for some ten or twelve years, where he worked at the carpenters' and joiners' trade. During his stay in Lorain county, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Elwood, a daughter of Rev. Mr. Elwood, a minister of the United Brethren church. In 1849, his home took fire and he lost nearly everything he had accumulated. He then decided to move to Wisconsin. When he arrived there, he had just five dollars, that being the sum total of his financial possessions. But nothing daunted, he went to work with a will. He secured work in a cabinet shop where he worked until he was appointed deputy sheriff of Sauk county. While living there he also engaged in the carpentering and contracting business and established a good trade, employing from seven to ten men. He held several offices in the township in which he lived. In 1857, concluding to immigrate to Iowa, he sold out his property and setteled at Clear Lake, where he followed his trade and also engaged in the stock business. He subsequently formed a partnership with Hon. M. Tuttle, and conducted a general store for nearly twelve years. Mr. Goodwin, while a resident of Clear Lake, was elected justice of the peace, which office he held several years. He was a member of the board of supervisors for ten or twelve years, and appointed and held the responsible office of deputy United Stated Marshal during the war. While in partnership with Mr. Tuttle, they invested largely in Clay county lands and afterwards opened a store in Spencer, which they run until June 18th, 1878. Mr. Goodwin is largely interested in farming and farm lands and is one of the most extensive dealers in cattle in the Northwest. For six years he was a member of the board of supervisors of Clay county, and has repeatedly held office in Summit township, where he resides. He has always taken an important part in all enterprises looking to the interest of the public; being one of the movers in organizing the county fair and securing other public benefits. Mr. Goodwin has one child living, Eva May, now Mrs. W. H. Webb. Mrs. Goodwin has been sorely afflicted for many years, having been totally blind for over twenty-five years.

Garvin J W, farmer, res s ½ se ¼ sec 28, 80, p o Spencer.
Garvin A, farmer, res e ½ ne ¼ sec 30, 80, p o Spencer.
Garvin E, farmer, res sec 30, p o Spencer.
Groenewold G, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 7, r, p o Cromwell Center.
Hawkes G W, farmer, res e ½ sw ¼ sec 32, p o Spencer.
Hathaway W, farmer, res n ½ s ½ sec 27, p o Spencer.
Hoffrichter J, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 21, 160, p o Spencer.
Hanson George, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 3, 160, p o Spencer.
Hoffstad O, farmer, res s ½ ne ¼ sec 4, 80, p o Milford.
Hoffstad G, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 3, 160, p o Spencer.

Hennings N, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 5, 160, p o Spencer.
Heikens G H, farmer, res sec 7, 940, p o Cromwell Center.
Heikens farmer, res nw ¼ sec 8, 160, p o Cromwell Center.
Jacobson L, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 23, 160, p o Spencer.
Johnson L, laborer, p o Spencer.
Johnson H B, laborer, p o Spencer.
Jordan A, laborer, p o Milford.
Kaus P, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 15, 80, p o Spencer.
Kimball J, farmer, res se ¼ sec 22, 160, p o Spencer.
Kumba J, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 11, 80, p o Spencer.
Krambeck J, farmer, res se ¼ sec 5, 160, p o Spencer.
King Charles, farmer, res e ½ of e ½ sec 18, 160, p o Cromwell Center.
King Ed, farmer, res e ½ of w ½ sec 18, 160, p o Cromwell Center.
Kirk John, farmer, res se ¼ of se ¼ sec 32, 80, p o Spencer.
Kaus H, farmer, res s ½ sec 9, 320, p o Cromwell Center.
Lockey B, farmer, res e ½ ne ¼ sec 31, 200, p o Spencer.

Livingston A J, farmer, res n ½ sec 13, 320, p o Spencer. Came to Clay in 1881 and purchased his present farm. It is under good cultivation and Mr. Livingston is one of the leading farmers of Summit.

Locke C H, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 4, 80, p o Spencer.
Millard C, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 30, r, 120, p o Cromwell Center.
Mett F, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 15, 80, p o Spencer.
Moeller, F, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 12, 80, p o Spencer.
Miner Ed, farmer, res sec 12, r, 320, p o Spencer.
Miner Ira, farmer, res sec 12, p o Spencer.
Miner Ed Jr, farmer, res sec 12, p o Spencer.
Martin H, farmer, res se ¼ sec 7, r, p o Cromwell Center.
Newcomb B F, farmer, res e ½ ne ¼ sec 22, 80, p o Spencer.
Nunyamaker J C, farmer, res se ¼ sec 32, r, p o Spencer.
Nunyamaker Fred, farmer, res se ¼ sec 32, r, p o Spencer.
Offen B, farmer, res se ¼ sec 24, 160, p o Spencer.
O'Brien Joseph, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 14, 160, p o Spencer.
Rutter S G, farmer, res se ¼ sw ¼ sec 29, 40, p o Spencer.
Riley John, farmer, res w ½ se ¼ sec 14, 80, p o Spencer.
Rasmussen M, farmer, res pt sec 29, 160, p o Spencer.
Rusk A B, farmer, res sw ¼ of sw ¼ sec 29, 40, p o Spencer.
Ringering J, farmer res sec 7, r, p o Cromwell Center.
Ringering, G, farmer, res sec 7, r, p o Cromwell Center.
Ryerson F, farmer, res sec 20, 320, p o Spencer.
Scharf Henry, farmer, pt se ¼ sec 10, 120, p o Spencer.

Scharf Charles, farmer, res e ½ sec 11, 400, p o Spencer. Is one of the best and most successful farmers in the township.

Scharf C W, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 11, 80, p o Spencer.
Schuneman W, farmer, res se ¼ sec 16, 160, p o Spencer.
Schuneman G, farmer, res sec 16, p o Spencer.
Schuneman P F, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 9, 240, p o Spencer.
Shultz Carl, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 9, r, p o Spencer.
Schwartz F, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 28, 80, p o Spencer.

Sherman Wm, p o Spencer.
Simpson G, farmer, res n ½ sec 3, 180, p o Spencer.
Suversen A, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 11, 160, p o Spencer.
Spaw John, farmer, res sec 29, rents, p o Spencer.
Strickland H, farmer, res e ½ nw ¼ sec 24, a80, p o Spencer.
Strang R, farmer, res sec 18, rents, p o Cromwell Center.
Titus I B, farmer, res n ½ of n w ¼ sec 33, a280 p o Spencer.
Tennant C, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 30, p o Spencer.
Tischer J T, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 8, a160, p o Spencer.
Thurier H, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 15, a80, p o Spencer.
Titus E R, farmer, res s ½ se ¼ sec 27, a80, p o Spencer.
Vanguilder C, farmer, res sec 12, p o Spencer.
Vorhees Ed, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 34, p o Spencer.

Webb W H, farmer and stock raiser, m 4–4, res nw ¼ sec 36, a920–350. Few men in Clay county have devoted more time and attention to the study of the demands of this section in the stock line, than the subject of this biography. Unlike many, he has performed this work quietly and yet carefully. He has neither paraded his knowledge and judgment of stock, nor has he endeavored to play upon the incredulity of others. He is ready to exhibit his purchases, point out their main features of strength, and then leave the viewer to draw his own conclusions. Mr. Webb was born in Pennsylvania, October 9th, 1849, and lived in that State until 1854, when his parents moved to Wisconsin and located in Iowa county, but subsequently went to Lafayette county. During a residence of twenty years in Wisconsin, a part of his time was spent in clerking in his father's store, thus early becoming familiar with business transactions. In 1874 the family moved to Iowa and settled at Clear Lake, where he again engaged in mercantile pursuits. After remaining there a few years, he moved to Clay county and located on his present farm in Summit township, and commenced farming. He has nearly one thousand acres of splendid land, and cultivates three hundred and fifty of it, the remaining portion being used for grazing and hay purposes. He has a large number of all kinds of stock, among them being a drove of fifty head of short-horn cattle, some splendidly bred Poland-China hogs, and four or five head of stallions of which a description is given on pages 45 and 46 of this book. Mr. Webb is a successful farmer, a prominent stock raiser, and an influential citizen. He is a member of the America Poland China Association, has been a director and is now president of the Clay County Agricultural Society; has held the office of clerk of Summit township, and has represented the county on several occasions in important State and congressional gatherings. He was married in 1875 at Clear Lake to Miss Eva May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin. They have two children, Roy and Gracie.

Whalen Lawrence, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 28, p o Spencer. Was born in Waxford, Ireland, Feb. 22d, 1843, and came to America when six years old. His parents lived in La Salle county, Illinois, until 1858, when they moved to Livingston county, where Lawrence remained until 1865. He then came to Iowa, and settled in Benton county and engaged in farm

work. In 1867, he and his brother made a visit to Peterson, and were so favorably impressed with the country that Lawrence, on his return to Benton county, began making preparations to come west. During the year 1872 he arrived in this county again, and this time to remain. He selected Summit township as his future abode. He homesteaded 40 acres, tree claimed 80 and bought 40, making in all a total of 160 acres of valuable land, which he has well improved, seventy acres being under the plow. He is one of the largest sheep raisers in this county, and is a successful farmer. He is a democrat in politics, and remembers the time when his was the only vote cast in Summit township for that party's candidates.

Whitford J A, farmer, res sec 14, p o Spencer.
White O, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 19, renter, p o Milford.
Williams Thos, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 5, a160, p o Spencer.
Wilburn John, farmer, res s ½ sec 8, a320, p o Milford.
Winset J C, farmer, res se ¼ sec 3, 160, p o Spencer.
Woods John, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 6, a160, p o Spencer.
Woods W C, farmer, res sec 1, rents, p o Milford.
Woods Peter, farmer, res se ¼ sec 2, a160, p o Spencer.
Winset J Clarence, res se ¼ sec 3, p o Spencer.
Wright James, farmer, res pt sec 35, a240, p o Spencer.
Zinschka C, farmer, res n ½ se ¼ sec 4, a80, p o Spencer.
Zinschka G, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 9, 320, p o Spencer.

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP.

This township is one of the more recently organized ones, having formerly been a part of old Bridgewater, which was divided, and out of this division grew three townships. It contains among its inhabitants some of the first settlers in the north part of the county. Among its citizens will be found some of the best, most prosperous farmers and business men in the county. It is in point of wealth among the first, and is constantly gaining. The village of Dickens was started in 1886, and although still small, is gradually gaining and now contains several stores, warehouses, a hotel, a school and a neat church edifice. It also has representatives of a majority of the trades, and is destined to become a town of importance as a trading point. Its exhibit in the line of trade is quite flattering, and is annually increasing. It is located about equidistant from Spencer and Ruthven, and furnishes the people between these two points a trading place. Its citizens are possessed of the usual amount of western enterprise, and with favorable crops will gradually spread in size and increase in the number of business houses. The land in this township is not dissimilar in fertility and general location, to that in other parts of the county. The cultivation of the farms and the general appearance of the buildings indicate that its farmers are prosperous and diligent. Among some of its older settlers are such men

as J. B. Wilson, R. J. Archer, George Bassett, the Culvers, Thos. Hagarth, R. E. Leach, Kinderdines, Monks, Broons, Reuben Somers and a host of others, who have since transformed the place from a bleak prairie to a finely settled township.

Lost Island Lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in the county, extends into this township, and is bountifully supplied with many different kinds of fish. Its banks are lined with a sprinkling of timber, which adds to its beauty and attractiveness. The Chicago, Milwaukee Railroad traverses the township near its center. Elm Lake also partly lies within its borders.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The people in and around Dickens are a moral and upright class of citizens, and faithful attendants at divine worship. Until the establishment of the town of Dickens, the people in that vicinity were accustomed to attend services at the Barlow and Drake school houses. Various revivals had been held at these places and quite a religious sentiment created, and from this nucleus has grown the Dickens organization and church. The project of constructing a suitable place for worship was begun in 1887, and in a short time the present handsome and commodious edifice was built. Its dimensions are 28x45 feet, with a seating capacity for 225 persons, costing $1,750, and free from any encumbrance. Among those who were instrumental in designing and prosecuting this good work to a successful finish, were Rev. J. B. Morrow, the pastor in charge, now of Peterson; J. G. Duncan, Noah Day, W. W. Scott, R. Somers and Gore Warren. They labored zealously and with a fidelity worthy of the noble cause of which they are true, tried and faithful members. The church is located on a prominent raise of ground in the north part of the village and has a commanding view of the surrounding country. It is neat and attractive, and is well lighted and seated. When services were first begun the membership numbered sixty persons, but after a successful revival conducted by Rev. H. Hild, the present pastor, it increased and now numbers 160 souls. Its official board at present consists of R. Somers, chairman; Noah Day, secretary; W. W. Scott, Treasurer; J. G. Duncan and Julius Ives; Arthur Somers and Elmer Day are ushers, and E. Herrick, janitor. Although but a little over two years have elapsed since its construction, it has met with two accidents. It was blown from its foundation in 1888, and struck by lightning this year.

Archer R J, farmer, res sec 2, 190. Mr. Archer came to this county a great many years ago and since that time has been a prominent and leading citizen of the county. He has been an industrious and prosperous farmer, and has succeeded in accumulating considerable of this world's goods. He has a good farm and good buildings, besides owning considerable stock.

Anthony N D, farmer, res sec 1, p o Ruthven.
Anderson H, farmer, res sec 14, a80, p o Ruthven.
Archer L L, farmer, res sec 12, a186, p o Ruthven.
Alger M S, farmer, res sec 7, a80, p o Dickens.
Adair S A, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 31, renter, p o Dickens.
Bassett George, farmer, res sec 10, a160, p o Ruthven.
Baker, p o Dickens.
Beauregard M, farmer, res sec 34, a160, p o Ruthven.
Burnside Charles, farmer, res sec 7, a333, p o Dickens.
Baxter Thomas, p o Dickens.
Broon George, farmer, res sec 29, a80, p o Dickens.
Broon Thomas, farmer, res sec 20, a80 p o Dickens.
Constable C O, farmer, res sec 13, a200, p o Ruthven.
Cedarholm P, farmer, res sec 22, a160, p o Ruthven.
Cedarholm John, farmer, res sec 15, a80, p o Ruthven.
Cordray F, laborer, p o Dickens.
Carpenter W S, farmer, res sec 29, a320, p o Dickens.
Crawford H, res nw ¼ sec 7, p o Dickens.
Chapman W, farmer, res sec 10, p o Ruthven.
Converse E C, farmer, res sec 19, a80, p o Dickens.
Card W M, farmer, res sec 24, a160, p o Ruthven.
Culver Wm, farmer, res sec 8, a80, p o Dickens.
Culver S A, farmer, res sec 7, 40, p o Dickens.
Culver H L, farmer, res sec 9, a220, p o Ruthven.
Culver Warren, farmer, res sec 9, a60, p o Dickens.
Culver Walter, farmer, res sec 10, a40, p o Dickens.
Culver Seneca, farmer, res sec 21, a160, p o Dickens.
Culver C W, farmer, res sec 7, a170, p o Dickens.
Crain Thomas, farmer, res sec 34, a80, p o Ruthven.
Claxton A R, farmer, res sec 28, a280, p o Dickens.
Cedarholm P, farmer, res sec 22, a160, p o Ruthven.

Corke L, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 20, a160—160, p o Dickens. Was born in Kendall county, Illinois, the 4th day of April, 1846, where he worked on a farm until arriving at the age of 18, when he enlisted in Co. H, 10th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served 18 months. Among the prominent engagements in which he participated, were Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Savannah, Bentonville, and in fact was in every engagement of that grand army under Gen. W. T. Sherman, from the time it began its memorable march dividing the great Southern Confederacy, until it passed in grand review before the president at Washington. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 4th, 1865, and returned to Illinois where for the next two years he engaged in farming near Sandwich. He also farmed near Chatsworth. He then moved to Marsailles, where for fifteen years he pursued the occupation of a mason. In 1883, he came to Clay county and purchased his present farm, and since that date has been constantly employed in tilling the soil.

Drake Charles, farmer, res w ½ sw ¼ sec 22, p o Ruthven.
Dodge L G, laborer, res sec 32, p o Dickens.

Dunn P, farmer, res sec 32, a80, p o Dickens.
Dolbach John, farmer, res sec 14, a80, p o Ruthven.
Dickinson M, hay press, p o Dickens.
Earl T E, farmer, res sec 2, a131, p o Ruthven.
Edwards Wm, farmer, res se ¼ sec 19, rents, a240, p o Dickens.
Fasse Ole, p o Ruthven.
Frad James, farmer, res sec 31, a160, p o Dickens.
Fish C W, blacksmith, p o Dickens.
Gadsby Thos, farmer, res sec 28, 400, p o Dickens.
Harrington M, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Haygarth Thos, farmer, res sec 2, 120, p o Ruthven.
Hughes Thos, laborer, p o Dickens.
Hart Loren, farmer, res sec 32, 80, p o Dickens.
Henderson A, laborer, p o Spencer.
Hart M, farmer, res sec 32, 80, p o Dickens.
Hargrave S O, farmer, res sec 32, 80, p o Dickens.
Hansen Wm, farmer, res sec 2, 240, p o Dickens.
Ives Fred, res sec 17, p o Dickens.
Ives Julius, farmer, res sec 17, 468, p o Dickens.
Jordan A, farmer, p o Dickens.
Johnson Anderson, farmer, res sec 14, 80, p o Ruthven.
Jones George, farmer, res n ½ nw ¼ sec 7, p o Dickens.
Jones J E, farmer, p o Dickens.
Jones G H, farmer, p o Dickens.
Jones John, farmer, res sec 35, 160, p o Ruthven.
Keeling A C, farmer, res sec 15, 160, p o Ruthven.
Kleine S R, res sec 3, renter, p o Ruthven.
Kenderdine T, farmer, res sec 28, 240, p o Dickens.
Kenderdine Wm, farmer, res sec 27, 360, p o Ruthven.
Lewis James, farmer, res sec 36, 160, p o Ruthven.
Leach R E, farmer, res sec 20, 80, p o Spencer.
Lewis George, res sec 36, p o Ruthven.
Larsen Hans, farmer, res sec 15, 120, p o Ruthven.
McCurdy, farmer, res sec 15, 80, p o Ruthven.
Monk John, farmer, res sec 22, 160, p o Ruthven.
Monk George, farmer, res sec 21, 80, p o Ruthven.
Mills J E, farmer, res sec 30, 100, p o Dickens.
Monk J E, farmer, res sec 27, 80, p o Ruthven.
Monk Alex, res sec 22, p o Ruthven.
Monk Daniel, farmer, res sec 27, 80, p o Ruthven.
More, W J, res sec 30, p o Dickens.
Nolan John, res sec 13, p o Ruthven.
Nelson Ole, farmer, res sec 15, 80, p o Ruthven.
Nelson M, farmer, res sec 14, 80, p o Ruthven.

Norcott Wm, Jr, res sec 30, p o Dickens.
Norcott Wm, Sr, farmer, res sec 30, 80, p o Dickens.
Oliver J K, farmer, res sec 12, 220, p o Ruthven.
Older Clark, laborer, p o Dickens.
Powers Charles, laborer, p o Dickens.
Patton John, farmer, res sec 6, 80, p o Spencer.
Pinney, H. B. farmer, res sec 9, 160, p o Dickens.
Patrick F, farmer, res sec 33, renter, p o Ruthven.
Patrick Wm, farmer, res sec 33, renter, p o Ruthven.
Padgett Frank, farmer, res sec 33, renter, p o Dickens.
Raymond E, farmer, res sec 21, 320, p o Dickens.
Rose J J, farmer, res sec 31, renter, p o Dickens.
Rosecrans P G, farmer, res sec 25, 640, p o Ruthven.
Reynolds Wm, res sec 32, p o Dickens.
Reynolds J E, res sec 32, p o Dickens.
Rambough M E, farmer, res sec 8, 280, p o Dickens.

Somers Reuben, farmer, p o Dickens, residence sw ¼ sec 18. Owns 320 acres and cultivates 100. Was born in Rygate, Vermont, December 4th, 1820, and remained a resident of that state for twenty-four years. For seventeen years he was a contractor on the Boston and Plymouth and other railroad lines. He was also a contractor on the Aqueduct for four years and then went to St. Lawrence county, New York, where for ten years he engaged in farming. In 1871 he came to Clay county and while en-route, he stopped in Chicago and witnessed that terrible fire as it spread and destroyed millions of property and laid waste to that famed commercial city. He had long wished for a home on the broad and open prairie, and having relatives living who wrote to him giving glowing accounts of its fertility and splendid opportunities, he at last came and selected Iowa as his future home. He does not regret his choice. He has been a good citizen and a prosperous farmer. Besides being honored by his neighbors by being elected to nearly every township office, he has been a member of the board of supervisors for three years, in which capacity he proved to be a most worthy member. He was married October 15th, 1856, to Miss Julia S Wood, of New Hampshire. They have five children. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist church at Dickens, and was largely instrumental in causing that house of worship to be built.

Simington J, farmer, res sec 9, 200, p o Dickens.
Simington H, farmer, res sec 15, 80, p o Ruthven.
Simington Wm, farmer, res sec 22, 160, p o Ruthven.
Simington N, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Simington S, farmer, res sec 10, 200, p o Ruthven.
Simington J J, farmer, res sec 32, 80, p o Ruthven.
Somers A C, farmer, res sec 18, p o Dickens.
Somers R A, farmer, res sec 18, p o Dickens.
Stoneman George, farmer, res sec 24, 80, p o Ruthven.

Swansen Andrew, laborer, p o Dickens.
Stone H P, farmer, res sec 19, 160, p o Dickens.
Simington A, farmer, res sec 34, 160, p o Ruthven.
Sanders H W, farmer, res sec 19, 271, p o Dickens.
Tabor C D, farmer, res sec 8, 160, p o Dickens.
Tripp C J, farmer, res sec 3, 80, p o Ruthven.
Warren C A, farmer, res sec 5, 450, p o Dickens.

Wilson J B, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 28, 360—200, p o Dickens. Was born in Orleans county, Vermont, in 1843, where he lived for twenty years and then went to Boston, where for the next three years he engaged in the grocery and produce trade. He then went to Dodge county, Minnesota, and farmed for the five following years. In 1872 he came to Clay county and homesteaded an eighty on which he now lives. In addition to his farming he has taught nine terms of school since coming west; four in Clay and five in Minnesota.

Mr. Wilson is an excellent farmer and citizen and on account of his efficiency and general practical knowledge, has been chosen to fill various township offices. In 1888 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors, by his district, a position he is well adapted to fill satisfactorily to his constituents and the entire county. By industry and careful management he has been successful financially, and has a large farm with a good dwelling and outbuildings. He was married in 1868 to Miss B. Keller, of Union Springs, Dodge county, Minn.

Warren G A, farmer, res sec 5, 179, p o Dickens.
Warren B R, farmer, rec sec 6, 400, p o Dickens.
Whitford, C M, farmer, res sec 11, 80, p o Ruthven.
Whitford, W F, farmer, ne ¼ sec 22, 320, p o Ruthven.
Welch G W, laborer, p o Dickens.
Young D, farmer, res sec 30, 80, p o Dickens.
Young Albert, farmer, res sec 30, 80, p o Dickens.

HERDLAND TOWNSHIP.

This is one of the four southern townships of the county, and dates its existence as far back as 1873, and was at one time embraced in the township of Douglas. Herdland has always been known as one of the early settled points in the county, having among its early residents such men as John Kindelspyer, J. J. Duroe, Geo. McClay, Samuel Mills, W. D. Brown, L Gowen, Henry Hughes, S. T. Collins, J. A. Mills, J. W. Ford and many others. These organizers and promoters of the township were sturdy pioneers, and had implicit confidence in the ultimate growth and developement of it. They have had the satisfaction of seeing its sod houses vanish and handsome frame residences take their place. They have seen a thin and sparse settlement gradually grow and enlarge to great proportions. They have seen its uncultivated

lands transformed into fields of waving corn, wheat, oats and other grains. It is a source of genuine satisfaction to them to have been able, in a measure, to effect this great change. Their early struggles they have by no means forgotten, and the present results of their labors they truly and justly appreciate, and enjoy the comforts with which they are now surrounded. The land is good and almost all of it is tillable, and the majority of that which is not used for plough land, is used for grazing and hay purposes. It is watered by the Little Sioux River, which in a serpent-like manner courses through the entire township. It has good schools, a post-office on section 14, and is near Sioux Rapids, the nearest and most convenient shipping point. It has all the natural resources and the necessary conveniences for great future possibilities. Among its farmers are some of the most prominent and influential citizens, whose interest in the county's prosperity and developement has never flagged. It has supplied the county with a number of members of the board of supervisors, who have always proven themselves not only excellent business men, but shrewd and sagacious in working for the county's welfare. Herdland has been anxious for a railroad, believing that it would not only increase its property, but develop many of its resources. To this end many of its citizens have been active and aggressive in their efforts to secure the promise of one, and whether they succeed or not, there is one thing certain, many of them are confident of future success. If they should obtain a line of railroad running diagonally through it, it will doubtless double its strength in wealth and population. This township was the scene of some exciting incidents during its early occupancy, in which a number of its present citizens participated.

Below is given a list of inhabitants, which contains information as to where they were born, their occupation, residence, number of acres of land they own or rent, and their post-office address, besides other valuable facts :

Abney I C, farmer, m 4, res sw ¼ sec 24, 160—120. Born in Boone county, Iowa, 1857, p o Sioux Rapids.

Anderson George, farmer, m 4, 75—45, p o Herdland.

Arms William, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 14, s, p o Herdland. Born in Pennsylvania, 1826.

Belknap E E, farmer, m 2-1, res s w ¼ sec 36, r, p o Sioux Rapids.

Belnkap C W, p o Herdland. Was born in New York in 1837. In 1855 he came with his parents to Wisconsin. While on a visit to New York, he enlisted in the 125th New York Volunteers in August, 1862, and served until the close of the war in 1865. Returning to his home in Wisconsin, he entered the ministry of the United Brethren Church, and served as such during his residence in Wisconsin. In 1869, he settled on a homestead in Herdland township, where he has since resided. Was minister in charge of the Little Sioux Mission two years, commencing in 1870. Mr. Belknap is a married man, and has held the offices of clerk in the old township of Douglas, and clerk, justice of the peace, and is now a trustee in Herdland township.

Bradshaw A, farmer, s 1, res sw ¼ sec 23, 158—100, p o Sioux Rapids.

Brown W D, farmer, m 4, a63, p o Herdland. Born in Pennsylvania in 1826.

Christy D D, farmer, m 6, res ne ¼ sec 32, 239—110, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Ohio in 1824.

Clark Myron, farmer, m 1, res ne ¼ sec 31, 80—50, r 200, p o Sioux Rapids.

Collins G M, farmer, m 8, res sw ¼ sec 16, r 340—215, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Hamilton Co, Ohio, in 1835.

Cook Andrew, farmer, m 3, 149—100, p o Herdland.

Cook J W, farmer, s, res se ¼ sec 11, p o Herdland.

Cook James, farmer, m 3-1, res se ¼ sec 11, 480—300. Born in New Brunswick, Canada, in 1831, p o Herdland.

Crow W J, farmer, m 3, res s ½ of nw ¼ sec 23, 80—80, p o Herdland.

Crow Charles, farmer, m 3, res sec 23, r 160—120, p o Sioux Rapids.

Davis D N, farmer, m 2, res sw ¼ sec 24, p o Sioux Rapids.

Davis C S, farmer, m 3, res sw ¼ sec 24, 40—35, p o Sioux Rapids.

Davis J M, farmer, m 7, res nw ¼ sec 9, 200—160, p o Greenville. Born in Indiana in 1842.

Davis C A, farmer, s, res sw ¼ sec 9, 120—100, p o Greenville.

Ditton Henry, farmer, m 3-1, r, p o Greenville.

Dovanon D J, farmer, s, res se ¼ sec 1, 160—140 p o Herdland.

Donovan John, farmer, s, res se ¼ sec 1, 142—100, p o Herdland. Born in Wisconsin in 1856.

Eaton Lyman, farmer, m 8, res ne ¼ sec 36, 40—40, p o Herdland. Born in New York.

Eaton E. D. farmer, m 7, res s ½ of se ¼ sec 36, 80—47, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Lincoln, New York, in 1842.

Eaton Albert, farmer, m 6, res ne ¼ sec 36, 40—40, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in New York, 1854.

Elsmo Andrew P, farmer, m 6-1, res sw ¼ sec 33, 180—84, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Norway, 1863.

Fallon J M, farmer, m 8, 166—70, p o Greenville.

Field E B, farmer, s, res ne ¼ sec 15, r 320—220, p o Herdland. Born in City Point, Virginia, in 1865.

Flannagan Edward, farmer, m 4-2, r 80—80, p o Sioux Rapids, Born in Wisconsin, 1863.

Flannagan M, Jr, farmer, s, res sw ¼ sec 18, 75, p o Sioux Rapids.

Flannagan Peter A, farmer, m 3-1, res e ½ of nw ¼ sec 19, 80—80, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Wisconsin in 1860,

Flannagan Barney, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 18, 160, p o Sioux Rapids.

Ford J W, farmer, m 5, res n ½ sec 7, 303, p o Greenville. He is one of the earlier settlers of Herdland township and has been one of the sturdy farmers in that section.

Kindelspyer S M, farmer, m 4, res se ¼ sec 20, 400—100, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Woodford Co, Ill., in 1853.

Kluver Ed, farmer, m 4, res se ¼ sec 24, 160—110. p o Herdland, born in Germany in 1859.

Liean Ole G, farmer. m 4, res nw ¼ sec 28, 160—70, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Norway in 1825.

Lohof Geert, farmer, m 3, res nw ¼ sec 22, R 160—120, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Netherlands in 1875.

Lowe J S, farmer, m 3 res w ½ of nw ¼ sec 19, 80—80, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Wisconsin in 1856.

Lundt R, farmer, m 6, 160, p o Sioux Rapids.

Maclay George, farmer, m 3, res n ½ of nw ¼ sec 14, 160—160. p o Herdland, born in New York City in 1824 and was one of the early settlers of Clay county. He is one of the successful and substantial farmers of Herdland township.

Malone E J, farmer, m 3, res sw ¼ sec 16, p o Sioux Rapids.

Mates John, farmer, m3-1, res n ½ sec 5, 2 33, p o Greenville.

Mates Charles, farmer, m 3, res n ½ sec 5, p o Greenville.

Miller Lewis, farmer, m 3, res ne ¼ sec 23, 160—127, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Ohio in 1853.

Mills E J, farmer, m 8, res sec 22, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Wisconsin in 1850.

Mills Wesley, farmer, m 7, res sec. 22. R, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Wisconsin in 1853.

Mills Samuel, farmer, m 3, res sw ¼ sec 3?, a625, p o Sioux Rapids. He is one of the pioneers of this county, and knows in a full measure the trouble, trials and hardships of an early settler's life. He is a large land owner, a successful farmer and stock raiser and valuable citizen. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1817, and came west many years ago.

Molstead Hans, farmer, m 4, res ne ¼ sec 31, R, p o Sioux Rapids. Was born in Norway in 1853.

Montgomery C S, farmer, m 3, res s ½ of ne ¼ sec 14, 160—80, p o Herdland. Born in New York in 1846.

Morker P F, farmer, m 9-1, res se ¼ sec 10, a480—250, p o Herdland. Born in Pennsylvania in 1837.

Morris Wm, farmer, m 9-1, res ne ¼ sec 36, 320—165, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Ohi in 1846.

Morris F, farmer, m 2, res sw ¼ sec 23, a80—80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in 1817.

Morris J B, farmer, m 4, res nw qr sec 26 r.a80—60, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Clay county in 1866.

Niemand John, farmer, m 6-2, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Germany in 1852.

Parker George H, farmer, s-2, res e ¼ sec 16, a416, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois.

Parrott J M, farmer, m 4, res se ¼ sec 12, a160—80, p o Herdland. Born in Ohio in 1852.

Parsons E D, farmer, m 7-1, res s ½ of ne ¼, sec 2, a280—150, p o Herdland. Born in New York in 1847.

Peterson Andrew, farmer, m 7, res sec 33, a160, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Norway.

Phillips Peter, farmer, m 3, res sw ¼ sec 34, r a80, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Canada.

Poole Judson, farmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 26, a156, p o Sioux Rapids.

Price J H, farmer, m 7-2, res nw ¼ sec 13, r a600—340, p o Herdland. Born in Wales in 1854.

Puckett I L, farmer, m 5, res nw ¼ sec 16, a215—215, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Indiana in 1864.

Ring Albert, farmer, s, res sec 28, a40-40. Born in Buena Vista county.

Ring O A, farmer, m 3-1, res sec 28, a80-50, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Norway.

Ring John, farmer, m 1, res sec 29, a166, p o Sioux Rapids.

Rudebaugh S P, farmer, m 6, res sw ¼ sec 25, r a160, p o Sioux Rapids.

Runchey R C, farmer, m 3-1, p o Sioux Rapids.

Sanderson Nathan, farmer, m 3, res s ½ of nw ¼ sec 12, a80—80, p o Herdland. Born in New York in 1825.

Sanderson Al, farmer, m 4-2, a324, p o Herdland. Born in Missouri in 1859.

Scriven M H, farmer, m 3, r a320—265, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Pennsylvania in 1833.

Seaman Charles, farmer, m, res nw ¼ sec 18, a150, p o Greenville.

Seaman C, farmer, a158, p o Greenville.

Slocum L W, farmer, s, 165, p o Herdland.

Slupe W C, farmer, m 7, res se ¼ sec 14, a 120—80, p o Herdland. Born in Pennsylvania.

Sprouse A L, farmer, m 5-1, ref sw qr sec 20, r 440—240, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Illinois in 1857.

Streeter H H, farmer, m 2, res ne qr sec 2, p o Herdland. Born in Boone county, Illinois in 1840.

Struck Henry, farmer, m 3, res sec 28 r, p o Sioux Rapids.

Tanhoff Phillip, farmer, a160, p o Sioux Rapids.

Taylor Wm G, farmer, s, res sw qr sec 14, p o Herdland. Born in Pennsylvania in 1864.

Thurston A K, farmer, m 5, res sw qr sec 33, a240—110, p o Sioux Rapids.

Warner J F, farmer, m 3, res sw qr sec 36, a 200—135, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in Wisconsin in 1860.

Williams Thomas, farmer, m 10, res ne qr sec 26, a160—160, p o Sioux Rapids. Born in England in 1831.

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP.

Among the townships that have come into prominence, none have done so more rapidly than Waterford, and none have maintained their record more substantially or creditably. By an act of the board of supervisors, passed in 1884, all of that part of Clay county embraced in 97 range 38 west. was set off and constituted as Waterford township, for civil, school and election purposes. It is true that at that time it only had the minimum number of voters and free holders, but these were anxious for a separate township. At first there were no spurts of immigration, but of late years there has been a gradual increase, and Waterford has asserted her importance and force in many of the affairs of the county in a very potent manner. There is a general unanimity of feeling and sentiment existing among the people in that section, as was powerfully attested at the last county election. A large proportion of its citizens are Germans, and in the main they are successful and enterprising farmers. They may not be as aggressive as in other townships, but the general results of their labor to show a much better advantage than their more progressive neighbors. The soil in this township is most excellent, and the average yield of grain ranks most favorable with that in other parts of the county. It is well watered. The Ocheydan river, a most beautiful stream, with a gravel bed, clear and crystal-like liquid, courses its way through the westesn portion, while a number of small streamlets and lakes in different parts of the township, furnish all the necessary water and drainage needed. The township in addition to its producing qualities, is largely adapted to stock raisng. There are several very extensive stock farms in this section, which are not only well farmed, but are proving very profitable to their owners. It is well located being within easy approach of stations and railroad and produces quite extensively. The trade of the people of this township is greatly sought after. Its farmers are frugal and industrious and are accumulating considerable of a competency for their labors. The moral character of its inhabitants is noteworthy, their enterprise and industry commendable and worthy of emulation. The small number of the earlier settlers, infused and engendered a feeling of friendship, which time has not broken, and the consequences are that there is an almost perfect accord prevailing among these people, which constitutes the township an efficient and strong force in all public and personal matters. The grain, stock and diarying products from Waterford, form a considerable portion of the shipments from this county. With all the necessary elements in its favor, there is every reason to conclude that Waterford's future is certainly most bright and promising. Economical, business like in methods, sturdy, rugged and industrious as its citizens are, there is nothing to prevent them from accumulating wealth, developing its soil, and making for Waterford a record that will eclipse any of its neighbors in point of members, financial worth, and value of property.

Herewith is, as nearly as possible to be obtained, are the residents of

this township in their proper order, giving the name, number of acres of land they own, and their post office address.

Adams farmer, res sec 34, 440, p o Everly. Among the first to settle in this township was Mr. Adams, who is not only a representative farmer, but a most excellent and shrewd business man. To him Waterford is largely indebted for its present class of citizens and its prominence and importance. He is a liberal and energetic farmer, and has been a promoter of every purpose which had for its end the betterment and benefit of the people of the township.

Butler Oscar, farmer, p o Everly.
Brainard Frank, farmer, res sec 33, 120, p o Everly.
Beeks C C, farmer, p o Cromwell Center.
Clarke W E, farmer, p o Everly.
Dehrkoop Andrew, farmer, s, res s ½ sw qr sec 5, 120, p o Everly.
Dehrkoop Theodore, farmer, res sec 28, 200, p o Everly.
Dehrkoop Marcus, farmer, p o Everly.
Fraher Dennis, farmer, p o Everly.
Goldtrap D, farmer, p o Everly.
Green M J, farmer, res sec 21, 200, p o Everly.
Hartman Henry, farmer, p o Everly.
Heath S P, farmer, res se qr of se qr sec 5, 160, p o Everly.
Heuer Wm, farmer, p o Everly.
Heuer Fritz, farmer, p o Everly.
Hilderbrand George, farmer, p o Everly.
Holden George, farmer, p o Everly.
Holden Stanley, farmer, p o Everly.
Holden Wm, farmer, p o Everly.
Hoyer Wm, farmer, res w ½ nw qr sec 25, 80, p o Everly.
Hoyer Fred, farmer, res n ½ se qr sec 5, 80, p o Everly.
Jessen Gurgen, farmer, p o Everly.
Johnson E N, farmer, p o Everly.
Jones R J, farmer, res ne qr sec 4, 400, p o Everly.
Kabrick John, farmer, p o Everly.
King George, farmer, p o Everly.
Kook Haus, farmer, p o Everly.
Kirmse August, farmer, p o Everly.
Little J W, farmer, res se qr sec 1, 160, p o Everly.
Lohrmann A, farmer, p o Everly.
Lohrmann Wm, farmer, p o Everly.
McCall Arthur, farmer, res w ½ ne qr sec 9, 80 p o Everly.
McCord J W, farmer, p o Everly.
McBride R R, farmer, res sw qr sec 28, 160, p o Everly
McIntire J A, res w ½ sw qr sec 35, 240, p o Everly.
Meadow Thos, farmer, p o Everly.

Metzger Nicholas, farmer, res s ½ ne qr sec 2s, 120, p o Everly.
Meyers W S, farmer, res se qr sec 2, 160, p o Everly.
Meyers R S, farmer, res ne qr sec 2, 320, p o Everly.
Medlar Henry, farmer, p o Everly.
Moeller Henry, farmer, res sec 21, 240, p o Everly.
Moeller H W, farmer, res sec 15, 800, p o Everly.
Morris J W, farmer, res e ½ ne qr sec 11, p o Cromwell Center.
Morri John, ris s ½ sw qr sec 2, 240, p o Everly.
Mundt Reiner, farmer.
Neiland Henry, res w ½ se qr sec 26, 80, p o Everly.
Perry C E, farmer, p o Cromwell Center.
Peters Wm, farmer, res ne qr sec 5, 160, p o Everly.
Peters Herman, farmer, p o Everly.
Peterson W H, farmer, res sw qr sec 36, 160, p o Everly.
Pitcher frank, farmer, res sw qr sec 29, p o Everly.
Pitcher Ed, farmer, p o Everly.
Rice Fred, farmer, p o Everly.
Runkle J W, farmer, p o Everly.
Scharenburg Charles, p o Everly.
Schmidt Jurgen, farmer, res sw qr sec 160, p o Everly.
Wachsmuth H B, farmer, res n hf sw qr sec 23, 80, p o Everly.
Walters Fred, farmer, p o Everly.
Wilson A D, farmer, p o Everly.

LOGAN TOWNSHIP.

This lies on the eastern line or tier of townships in the county and embraces thirty-six sections or 23,040 acres of excellent land, the majority of it being tillable. It is not only productive, but constitutes one of the best townships for grazing and stock raising purposes in the county. In the main it is level, well watered and produces excellent and nutritious grasses. Besides Elk Creek, its branches and numerous other smaller streams, which afford a plentiful supply of water, it has numerous small groves which provide good shade and fire wood. This township was organized in 1882, having previously been a part of the township of Herdland. Its recent creation as an independent and separate civil organization has left it without the great or lengthy history which is attached to a number of its sister townships. It has not had any great rush of immigration or any particular boom, but its farmers are substantial, energetic and in the main successful. Considerable of land within its borders is owned by non-residents who appreciate its value and ultimate worth. With moral and upright citizens, a pushing and progressive

class of farmers, excellent and well taught schools, a good and efficient local government, productive lands, and possessing every natural advantage necessary for comfort and convenience, there is nothing to deteriorate it, but on the contrary, every opportunity to make one of the very best and leading townships in the county. During the first period after being set off, it received but a limited accession, but in the last few years it has gradually grown and its voting population now numbers about fifty persons. The following is a list of the residents of the township, many of whom are old and prominent citizens of the county:

Bard Jerome, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 27, 200, p o Ruthven.
Burch D D, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 18, 334, p o Ruthven.
Barnhart John, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 5, 140, p o Ruthven.
Buchie August, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Cross Benjamin, farmer, p o Spencer.

John F Calkins, farmer, was born December 20th, 1829, in Cohocton, Schoharie county, New York. Removed with his parents to Illinois at the age of six, and to Wisconsin again in 1844, when, until his marriage in 1854, he resided in Mill Creek Valley near the town of Arena, Iowa county. On the 21st of May, 1854, he was married to Miss Abigail L Wells, daughter of Solomon Wells, who afterward also became one of the early settlers of Spencer township, and who died at Spencer in 1883.

After his marriage Mr. Calkins followed farming until the war of the Rebellion had been in progress for a year, when he enlisted as a private in Co. E., of the 23d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He served three years and was mustered out at Mobile, Alabama, in July, 1865. He fought in eleven pitched battles and numerous skirmishes. After the war he removed with his family immediately to Iowa, and in connection with four other families, those of Wells Lamberton, Byron Hough, Harvey Mars and Stephen Calkins, formed the earliest settlement of the Little Sioux Valley in Clay county above Gillett's Grove. The first five settlers of the north half of the county all located homesteads within one mile of the present town of Spencer. Mr. John Calkins' original homestead being the w ½ sw ¼ sec 12, 96—37, upon which ground the Spencer cemetery is now located.

Mr. Calkins followed farming and stock raising in various parts of the county until 1882, when he began railway contracting and followed this occupation with success for six years, contracting upon all the great main lines of the northwest. During the earlier years of the county's growth, he was for several terms member of the Board of Supervisors, and was identified with much important county legislation. He was also connected with J. H. Hale in the original platting of the town of Spencer, owning one-third interest on the first forty acres surveyed.

He has a residence on east 3d street in Spencer, and has two farms, one in Gillett Grove and the other in Logan township, in all 800 acres of

well improved land. He is now engaged with his sons at "Highland Farm," Logan township, in stock and grain raising.

Calkins Frank W. Was born near Arena, Wisconsin, June 5th, 1855, and with his parents came to Clay county in May, 1866, who located near Spencer, and is therefore one of the first settlers of Spencer township. His early education was received in the common schools of Wisconsin and Iowa. Subsequently he attended the Spring Green, Wis., Academy and also the Iowa State Agricultural College. Upon leaving college, and at the age of twenty-one, he began reading law, alternating it with teaching school for three years. At the end of this period, he was accidentally thrown into the field of literary journalism, and therefore never applied for admission to the bar. During the past eight years, he has been a regular contributor to the Youth's Companion and other literary journals besides traveling extensively on the Mississippi river and among the mountains of the "Far West." In 1886 and 1887 he engaged in railroad building, completing contracts in Nebraska, Wyoming, Indian Territory and Missouri. At present, in addition to his literary labors, in company with his father, he is in well improved stock raising in Logan township. Mr. Calkins is a liberal reader, a close student, a scholarly and prolific writer. His writings have been widely quoted and are noted for their multiplicity of subjects, vivid descriptions, and the moral and general information they convey.

Ells T D, farmer, p o Herdland.
Furguson Samuel, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 32, a120, p o Ruthven.
Hagen Ed, farmer, ne ¼ sec 21, a150, p o Ruthven.
Hargrave R J, farmer, nw ¼ sec 6, a160, p o Spencer.
Hendrickson B J, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Johnson Lars, farmer, p o Ruthven.
King J R, farmer, ne ¼ sec 9, a280, p o Ruthven.
Lahmon L, farmer, res se ¼ sec 32, a200, p o Herdland.
Lahmon James, farmer, p o Herdland.
McPherson S, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 33, a120, p o Herdland.
McKee F T, farmer, res se ¼ sec 23, a200, p o Ruthven.
Macloy G E, farmer, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 21, a80, p o Ruthven.
Moore Leander, farmer, p o Spencer.
Nutting G L, farmer, sw ¼ sec 24, a120, p o Ruthven.
Parsons C W, farmer, p o Spencer.
Parker C H, farmer, sec 7, a640, p o Spencer.
Parker B L, farmer, s ½ sec 7, a240, p o Spencer.
Reeves N G, farmer, res ne ¼ sec 18, a176, p o Spencer.
Reeves J T, farmer, p o Spencer.
Reeves A H, farmer, res w ½ nw ¼ sec 30, a80, p o Spencer.
Rice H H, farmer, p o Ruthven.
Sealy Charles, farmer, res n ½, nw ¼ sec 18, a80, p o Ruthven.
Stewart Joel L, farmer.
Van Gundy W S, farmer, se ¼ sec 29, a160, p o Herdland.
Van Gundy J W, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 31, a167, p o Herdland.
Van Gundy H A, farmer, res n ½ sw ¼ sec 31, a80, p o Herdland

Van Gundy B S, farmer, res se ¼ sec 31, a160, p o Herdland.
Van Gundy G L, farmer, s ½ sw ¼ sec 31, a80, Herdland.
Welch Chauncey, farmer, res sec 36, a480, p o Ruthven.
Whitehouse E J, farmer, n ½ nw ¼ sec 4, a310, p o Ruthven.
Wilkinson A E, farmer, p o Ruthven.

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP.

This township is the youngest in the county, having been set off as a separate body in January, 1889. Previous to this it constituted a part of Herdland. Its numerical strength is therefore limited. It embraces that portion of territory lying in the extreme southeast portion of the county and consists of thirty-six sections of very superior land. The land is somewhat rolling and produces very bountifully in certain localities. It has two bodies of water, known as Mud and Pickerel lakes, besides it is quite near the Little Sioux river. A majority of its inhabitants are of recent arrival, who are firm in the belief that Garfield, like its great namesake, is destined to development into a tower of strength and form an important factor in the composition and future legislation of the county. Being situated near Sioux Rapids and Marathon, it is thus in some respects fortunately located and cannot fail to increase its numbers. It is fairly supplied with trees, possessing quite a number of groves and one or two good sized bodies of timber. Besides the lakes there are several small streams which gives an abundant supply of water. As a whole the location and natural advantages of Garfield are very superior and offer sufficient inducements to those seeking a home, to, in a short time, increase and multiply its present quota of citizens. Considerable of the land in this township is owned by non-residents, but this is rapidly changing hands and commands a fair price. Garfield and Logan, which join it on the north, are both splendid townships and present good opportunities, either for speculation or permanent homes. The land is good and the prices for which it is selling is within the reach of those with limited means. They rank with other townships in every respect, except numbers, and there is no potent reason why their future is not as bright as any of the townships in the county. The people of Garfield are a progressive and upright class and are making excellent efforts to populate it with good citizens and stirring farmers. The first election of this township was held last November and while the vote was small, it was due to its recent civil organization. The following is an alphabetical list of the different heads of families residing in the township:

Beck Oliver, farmer, m, res sw ¼ sec 28, 120, p o Marathon.
Beck G A, farmer, m, res sw ¼ sec 28, 120, p o Marathon.
Beck W D, farmer, m, res s ½ sw ¼ sec 33, 80, p o Marathon.
Cook A I, farmer, res nw ¼ sec 23, 200, p o Marathon.
Cook G H, farmer, m, res nw ¼ sec 24, p o Marathon.
Crossley G H, farmer, m, sw ¼ sec 23, 300, p o Marathon.

Dickinson G, farmer, p o Marathon.
Delaney T E, farmer, res sec 36, 100, p o Marathon.
Davis A H, farmer, m, se ¼ sec 21, 240, p o Marathon.
Ellis T M, farmer, p o Marathon.
Forrest C S, farmer, m, nw ¼ sec 10, 160, p o Herdland.
Moyer R, farmer, sec 3, 120, p o Herdland.
O'Neil N F, farmer, p o Marathon.
Osburn W E, farmer, m, res sec 36, 120, p o Marathon.
Platt J A, farmer, p o Herdland.
Rowley J L, farmer, p o Herdland.
Reed I N, farmer, m, p o Herdland.
Spioessig A O, farmer, p o Herdland.
Stearns A E, farmer, res se ¼ sec 1, 140, p o Herdland.
Smith Peter, farmer, p o Herdland.
Stoermer J L, farmer res n ½ ne qr sec 24, p o Marathon.
Stewart C C, farmer, m, p o Marathon.
Stewart Joel, farmer, p o Marathon.
Sanderson A, farmer, m, nw qr sec 18, 185, p o Marathon.
Virgil J W, farmer, m, p o Marathon.
Woodard C, farmer, m, w hf se qr sec 11, 80, p o Marathon.
Watson Fred, farmer, m, sw qr sec 3, 200, p o Marathon.
Watson John, farmer, m, sw qr sec 3, p o Marathon.
Wesche L, farmer, m, 445, p o Marathon.
Wesche B M, farmer, m, 445, p o Marathon.
Ward Eeward, farmer, m, p o Lorens.
Watson Edwin, farmer, sw qr sec 3, p o Marathon.

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP.

This was the fifth township created by the county legislature, and originally embraced several other townships. Its physical features are not unlike those of Douglas and Gillett's Grove, with the exception that the Sioux river does not touch its boundaries, or is it supplied with native timber. Its soil is deep and rich, its prairie land yields richly, and its native grass is of a heavy growth and nutritious. Among its early settlers are such names as Josiah E. and John F. Chase, J. S. Brownell, Henry Abell, W. H. Arms, P. W. Madden, Isaac Fenn, Jonathan Green, A Seibel, M. Rote, E. J. L. Merchant, C. D. Killam, the Davises, and a number of others, nearly all of whom are still residents or the township. This township appears to have settled up much more rapidly than others, as the names given in the list of inhabitants are in the main persons who have lived in the township for a great many years. The earlier life of the pioneers of this township was similar to those of adjoining ones. At first it was the sod or log house they were compelled to live in until they accumulated enough money to purchase lumber and build a frame dwelling, and when this was accomplished

along came a pest in the form of a grasshopper, destroying their crops, and almost their hopes of future success. But in time they recovered from this disaster, and are now a contented, happy and prosperous class of farmers. In time a postoffice was established at the residence of J. S. Brownell on section 12, and he was made postmaster, which office he held a great many years, finally resigning, and Mr. Adolph Seibel was appointed. The postoffice was then moved to the residence of the latter, only a short distance from the former, being in fact on the same section. The name of this office was designated "Annieville." The township was named in honor of the lamented President. A majority of the farmers were homesteaders, and have lived in the township a sufficient length of time to grow good groves and build substantial and comfortable homes. They have a number of school houses, located in different parts of the township, and within convenient distance from most of the homes. More than ordinary amount of interest is manifested by the citizens in the education of the young, and the result is that they have good teachers and well conducted schools, which is but a reflex of the intelligence of its inhabitants. In point of wealth it stands in the middle class, but in point of industry and sterling worth of its farmers it stands among the first. The following is a directory of the heads of families residing within its limits:

Albers Albert; farmer, res se qr sec 30, a80, p o Willow Creek.
Abell B F, farmer, res s hf nw qr sec 26, a80, p o Annieville.
Allebaugh S, farmer, res w hf ne qr, sec 2, a160, p o Spencer.
Allebaugh D, farmer, e hf sw qr sec 2, a80, p o Annieville.
Allebaugh N, farmer, res w hf ne qr sec 2, p o Annieville.
Abell Henry, farmer, res nw qr sec 1, a160, p o Annieville.
Armes Wm, farmer, res ne qr sec 14, a230, p o Annieville.
Anderson J P, farmer, res s hf sw qr, sec 17, a80, p o Annieville.
Allen Isaac, farmer, res w hf sw qr sec 2, a80, p o Annieville.
Brown Jas C, farmer, res ne qr sec 34, a160, p o Greenville.
Brocksmit J C, farmer, res sw qr of s w qr sec 15, a40 p o Annieville.
Bradshaw D, farmer, res s hf se qr, sec 34, a80, p o Greenville.
Burgin L A, farmer, res w hf nw qr sec 4, a80, p o Spencer.
Burrell Wm, farmer, res nw qr sec 3, a160, p o Annieville.
Bernhoft Neils, farmer, res se qr sec 20, p o Annieville.
Bates J A, farmer, res e hf sw qr sec 26, a80, p o Greenville.
Brown V D, farmer, res ne qr sec 34, a160, p o Annieville.
Brooke F E, farmer, res s hf sw qr sec 36, a80, p o Greenville.
Brownell J S, farmer, res ne qr sec 12 a160, p o Annieville.
Beck Jacob, farmer, res nw qr sec 2 a160, Spencer.
Butler J H, farmer, res se qr sec 2, a160, Annieville.
Bigler A F, farmer, res nw qr sec 27, a240, Greenville.
Brannon M G, farmer, res s hf se qr, sec 34, a80, Greenville
Brownell Edward, farmer, p o Annieville.
Beck Paul, farmer, res sec 19, a20, p o Willow Creek.
Coulson Wm, farmer, res sw qr sec 18, a160, p o Annieville.
Christensen K, farmer, res w hf nw qr, sec 18, a160, Willow Creek.

Clausen R, farmer, res e hf ne qr sec 32, a80, p o Willow Creek.
Christensen N J, farmer, res s hf nw qr sec 8, a160, Spencer.
Collins H L, farmer, res nw qr sec 28, a160, p o Greenville.
Cauvel C, farmer, res ne qr sec 28, a160, Greenville.
Cauvel Grant, farmer, res s hf se qr sec 21, a80, Greenville.
Crosky ——, farmer, res ne qr sec 28, a160, p o Greenville.
Clark D A, farmer, res nw qr sec 36, a160, p o Greenville.
Chase John F, farmer, res ne qr sec 12, a120, p o Annieville.
Connolly Peter, farmer, res w hf ne qr sec 10, a80 p o Spencer.
Campbell H, farmer, res n hf se qr sec 34, p o Greenville.
Dodge Warren, farmer, res se qr sec 22, p o Greenville.
Davis G S, farmer, res w hf sw qr sec 26, a80, p o Greenville.
Davis C, farmer, res sw qr sec 33, a40, p o Sioux Rapids.
Davis John, farmer, res se qr se qr sec 33, a40, p o Sioux Rapids.
Dietz Fred, farmer, res ne qr sec 30, a160, p o Willow Creek.
Evans E L, farmer, res nw qr sec 33, a160, p o Willow Creek.
Evans John, farmer, res sec 32, a130, p o Willow Creek.
Evans Hugh, farmer, res sec 32, a60, p o Willow Creek.

Fenn Isaac, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 4, a160—100, p o Spencer. Was born in New Haven, Orange county, Conn., in 1834, where he lived about twenty-one years. He then moved to Kansas in 1856 and remained there until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted in Co. K, 11th Kansas Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. He came to Iowa and located in Clay county in 1869, and has since been a resident. He was married in 1860 and has nine children.

Fenn Ira, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 4, p o Spencer.
Fish Robert, farmer, res se ¼, sec 28, a160, p o Spencer.
Freburg G, farmer, res sw ¼ sec 21, a240, p o Spencer.
Fell John, farmer, res se ¼ sec 4, a160, p o Spencer.
Freburg Andrew, farmer, res s ½ se qr sec 8, a240, p o Spencer.
Ferguson C S, farmer, res w ½ se qr sec 26, a80, p o Greenville.
Friggs Henry, farmer, p o Greenville.
Feen Robert, farmer, p o Annieville.
Friggs John, farmer, p o Annieville.
Golden N B, farmer, res n ½ se qr sec 12, a80, p o Annieville.
Gillmore Wm, farmer, res sw qr sec 28, a160, p o Greenville.
Greenman Job, farmer, res ne qr sec 18, a160, p o Spencer.
Green Jonathan, farmer, res s ½ sw qr sec 12, 240, p o Annieville.
Gould J P, farmer, res n ½ ne qr sec 24, a80, p o Annieville.
Groth Gottlieb, farmer, res se qr sec 10, a280, p o Annieville.
Gidding J R, farmer, res sw qr sec 4, a160, p o Spencer.
Green Warren, farmer, p o Annieville.
Gould Ellis, farmer, p o Annieville.
Greenbeck, farmer, res n ½, sw qr sec 7, a80, p o Spencer.
Hendrickson H, farmer, res se qr sec 19, 200, p o Willow Creek.
Hendrickson P, farmer, res n ½ ne qr sec 19, a120, p o Willow Creek.
Hullegaard O, farmer, res s ½ sw qr sec 8, a169, p o Spencer.
Hodak John, farmer, res ne qr sec 23, a160, p o Greenville.

Hiller Fred, farmer, res n ½ sw qr sec 24, a80, p o Greenville.
Horine T J, farmer, res n ½ se qr sec 12, a80, p o Spencer.
Hammer Val, farmer, res sw qr sec 33, a160, p o Greenville.
Horras Henry, farmer, res s ½ nw qr sec 30, a160, p o Willow Creek.
Johnson Andrew, farmer, res nw qr sec 3, a120, p o Annieville.
Johnson Martin, farmer, res se qr sec 18, 160, p o Annieville.
Johnson C W, farmer, res se ½ ne qr sec 24, 80, p o Annieville.
Jensen J C M, farmer, res e ½ nw qr sec 18, a80, p o Spencer.
Jacobson Lars, farmer, res s ½ sw qr sec 30, a80, p o Willow Creek.
Johnson Frank, farmer, res e ½ nw qr sec 4, a80, p o Greenville.
Jessup John, farmer, res n ½ sw qr 34, a80, p o Greenville.
Kessler Fred, farmer, res nw qr sec 6, a160, p o Spencer.
Killam C D, farmer, res sec 2, a240, p o Annieville.
Killmar F L, farmer, res nw qr sec 1, a160, p o Annieville.
Luke A W, farmer, res nw qr sec 28, a160, p o Greenville.
Levan A L, farmer, res w ½ se qr sec 36, a80 p o Greenville.
Luke Fred, farmer, res s ½ ne qr sec 1, a80, p o Annieville.,
Lamb Eldin W, farmer, res nw qr sec 14, a240, p o Spencer.
Lundbeck C, farmer, res n ½ ne qr sec 20, a160, p o Greenville.
Moore M E, farmer, res sw qr sec 10, a160 p o Annieville.
Mettlor Ira, farmer, res se qr sec 7, a160, p o Spencer.
Merchant E J L, farmer, res w ½ nw qr sec 10, a240, p o Annieville.
Moaen Andrew, farmer, res e ½ ne qr sec 17, a80, p o Spencer.
Meredith W, farmer, res, e ½ ne qr sec 34, a80, p o Greenville.
McCargar W, farmer, res s ½ sw qr sec 24, a80, p o Annieville.
McCarger C W, farmer, res s ½ nw qr sec 24, a80, p o Annieville.
Meredith Henry, farmer, res n ½ se qr sec 12, a80, p o Spencer.
Mulford C L, farmer, res sec 11, a800, p o Spencer.
Mitts Phillip, farmer, p o Spencer.
Mitchell Frank, farmer, res sec 33, a120, p o Greenville.
Namier Henry, farmer, res w ½ se qr sec 29, 80, p o Annieville.
Nelson Nels, farmer, res w ½ ne qr sec 7, a240, p o Spencer.
Nelson James, farmer, res sec 5, a200, p o Spencer.
Newton O A B, farmer, p o Greenville.
Noll Adam, farmer, res sec 1, 171, p o Annieville.
Olin Andrew, farmer, res ne qr sec 6, a160, p o Spencer.
Osborn Walter, farmer, p o Spencer.
Peterson Soan, farmer, res s ½ sw qr sec 5, a160, p o Spencer.
Peterson Hans, farmer, res sec 5, a80, p o Spencer.
Peterson Peter, farmer, p o Greenville.
Peterson Eiler, farmer, res s ½ ne qr sec 26, a80, p o Greenville.
Pickett J M, farmer, res s ½ sw qr sec 14, a80, p o Spencer.
Pemberton A, farmer, res n ½ se qr sec 36, a80, p o Greenville.
Pfannebecker F, farmer, p o Annieville.
Puterbaugh A, farmer, p o Annieville.

Parry Daniel, p o Greenville.
Roberts John, farmer, p o Willow Creek.
Root C H, farmer, p o Annieville.
Rote Michael, farmer, res e ½ ne qr sec 21, a80, p o Spencer.
Rote L J, farmer, p o Spencer.
Runge Gesche, farmer, res se qr sec 14, a160, p o Annieville.
Runkle James P, farmer, res w ½ ne qr sec 21, a80, p o Spencer.
Roberts Thomas, res e ½ sw qr sec 32, a80, p o Willow Creek.
Runge John, farmer, p o Annieville.
Roberts Thos H, farmer, p o Willow Creek.
Steigleder E, farmer, a80, p o Annieville.
Starr J G, farmer, res sec 33, a120, p o Greenville.
Starr J M, farmer, p o Greenville.
Starr John, farmer, p o Greenville.
Skeem Christ, farmer, res n ½ nw qr sec 30, a80, p o Willow Creek.
Schoonmaker D, farmer, p o Spencer.
Shoning Henry, farmer, p o Spencer.
Swanson Gust, farmer, res s ½ se qr sec 5, 160, p o Spencer.
Smith Charles, farmer, s ½ sw qr sec 14, a80, p o Spencer.
Snyder J W, farmer, a80, p o Greenville.
Shinn Henry, farmer, res e ½ ne qr sec 10, a80, p o Annieville.
Seibel Adolph, farmer, s ½ se qr sec 12, a240, p o Annieville.
Smith J H, farmer, res sw qr sec 27, a160, p o Greenville.

Swanson John, farmer, residence n ½ sec 8, m 7-1, 280—175, was born in Sweden in 1845 and lived in his native country for twenty-three years and then came to the United States and for one year lived in Rockford, Ill. Deciding to go west and locate on the rich and fertile soil of Iowa, he at once set out on his westward journey. When he reached Clay county he was so well pleased with its appearances that he concluded to homestead his present residence. Timber being scarce and a long distance away he immediately set to work and in a short time built a sod house, which was so common in the west at an early day. They were comfortable if not attractive and served to protect their occupants from the heat and cold. Mr. Swanson went through the early struggles and hardships incident to pioneer life and the privations caused by the grasshopper raids and comprehends the meaning of the word pioneer in all that term implies. But he had come to stay and with a fixed determination he passed through the trying ordeal of an early settler. He is a successful farmer and has succeeded by diligent labor in accumulating considerable land and stock and is now one of the prosperous farmers of Lincoln township. He has held the office of township trustee for seven or eight years and has been a member of the district school board. He was married in 1870 and has four children: Allie, Annie, Mary, Lena, and an adopted boy, Edward.

Thurston C E, farmer, res w hf sw qr sec 32, 80, p o Willow Creek.
Tidman Wm, farmer, 80, p o Greenville.
Thetman Peter, farmer, res nw qr sec 31, 160, p o Willow Creek.
Van Buskirk E, farmer, res sw qr sec 15, 160, p o Spencer.
Van Buskirk S, farmer, p o Spencer.
Widerickson P, farmer, e hf se qr sec 29, 80, p o Willow Creek.
Walstron C, farmer, res s hf se qr sec 6, 120, p o Spencer.
Walstron M, farmer, res nw qr sec 20, 160, p o Spencer.
Williams Wm J, farmer, res w hf ne qr sec 29, 80, p o Willow Creek.
Watts Thomas, farmer, res se qr sec 20, 240, p o Annieville.
Wilson G H, farmer, res ne qr sec 22, 160, p o Annieville.
Welch S R, farmer, res se qr sec 35, 100, p o Greenville.
Williams John, farmer, res ne qr sec 31, 160, p o Greenville.
Whitmer J J, farmer, res w hf se qr sec 26, 80, p o Greenville.
Young Samuel, farmer, p o Spencer.
Young Wm, farmer, p o Spencer.

CLAY TOWNSHIP.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Maple Grove Methodist Church was built and dedicated in 1889 at an expense of $1,000. It is located on the west half of the southwest quarter of section 29, and is a very neat and comfortable building. Those who managed its construction were unceasing in their labors, and are deserving of the thanks of the neighborhood. They were materially aided in building by a liberal contribution from the Minnesota and Sioux Valley conferences.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Bethel church of this denomination was built in 1886, and on December 7th of that year was formally dedicated. It is located on the east half of the northeast quarter of section 32, and cost when completed $1,000. It is a very comfortable edifice, and great credit is due to the untiring efforts of those who undertook its construction, as it required donations from the entire neighborhood to complete it. It is under the auspices of the Sioux Association of the Congregational church.

WILLOW CREEK CREAMERY.

This institution was built in the spring of 1889 for the manufacture of butter by the separating process. It is located on the Willow, on the southeast quarter of section 26. The building is 18 by 36, one story, and has a capacity of from 20,000 to 25,000 pounds per day. It has an engine of fifteen horse power, two Danish Weston milk separators, and cost

$3,000. It began operations May 2d, 1889, and has been running diligently since that date. In connection it has a feed grinder for the accommodation of its farmer patrons. The capacity of this grinder is fifty bushels per hour.

Anderson Peter, farmer, m 8, res se qr sec 24, a160, p o Willow Creek.

Atkinson George A, farmer, m 5, res sw qr, sec 20, a160—80, p o Peterson, was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1842, and came to Clay county in 1874, and located in this township.

Albee Anson, farmer, m 5-2, res nw qr sec 30, a160—115, p o Peterson. Is a native of New York, having been born in Erie county, April 15th, 1839. He served his country in the late war, and in 1869 became a resident of Clay county. He is one of the old settlers who have been prominently identified with the county's interests.

Bailey Theron L, farmer, m 4, res ne qr sec 22, a160—80, p o Yankee. Was born in Wastsfield, Vermont, June 24th, 1848.

Bailey, Wm. B, farmer, m 5, res e hf sw qr sec 14, a80-80, p o Yankee. Was born in Vermont in 1831.

Brakets Franklin, farmer, m 5-2, res nw qr sec 32, 200—190, p o Peterson. Was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1850, and removed to Clay in 1870.

Battin William, farmer, m 4-2, res sw qr sec 2, a160—100, p o Everly. Was born in Monroe county, Ohio, Sept. 7th, 1839, where he lived until 1864, when he moved to Illinois, and in 1871 to Clay county. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, and subsequently was a member of the Thirty-eighth Wisconsin. His regiment took an active part in the second battle of Bull Run and other important engagement. He was wounded by a spent ball in the right hip.

Barry John C, farmer, m 4-1, res sec 18, 160—100, p o Trimello, was born in Cook county, Illinois, in 1838, and remained in that county until his removal to Clay, in 1870. He was a member of Co. I., Wisconsin 6th regiment, which took an important part in nineteen pitched battles skirmishes.

Callaghan Patrick, farmer, m 2, res n hf ne qr sec 26, 80—60, p o Yankee: was born in Cork Island, and came to Clay county in an early day in its history, and knows full well the early trials and tribulations.

Callaghan John, farmer, m 2-1, res nw qr sec 22, 196—160, p o Yankee; was born in Cork county, Ireland, in 1849.

Callaghan Michael, farmer, s, res se qr sec 15, 120—80, p o Yankee: was born in county of Cork Ireland, in 1847. He came to Clay county a number of years ago, and although a bachelor and desirous of marrying, has been a successful farmer.

Davidson W B, farmer, m 9, res sw qr sec 8; was born in Barren county, Kentucky, in 1826, and in 1849 came to Iowa and located in the eastern part of the state. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in the service of the United States in the 14th Iowa Vol. Infty. This regiment was at once assigned to the army of the Tennessee, and with that army participated in the capture of Fort Donelson, and in the memorable and bloody battle of Shiloh where he was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville, where he was kept for six months, and after suffering the hardships of that prison hole was released. He enlisted as a private, but was shortly afterwards promoted to the position of sergeant, and finally to 1st sergeant of his company. After the battle of Fort Donelson, he was commissioned as First Lieutenant, having previously held the office of 2nd Lieutenant and was mustered out of the service as Captain of his company, a position he had held soon after being released from prison.

Diggins Geo, farmer, m 6, res nw qr sec 6, 130, p o Trimello; was born in Illinois in 1844. During the late war he was a member of an artillery regiment, and served four years in defense of his country.

French James, farmer, m 4-2, res se qr sec 29, 160—120, p o Yankee, was born in Ohio in 1844 and came to Clay in 1871 and has since that date made his home in this township.

Griffith E P, farmer, m 8-2, res se qr sec 25, 160, p o Willow Creek, was born near Pwelhle, Carnarvonshire, Wales, in 1838 and came to Columbus county, Wisconsin, in 1866 and three years later to Clay county, and located at his present residence.

Hickman Henry, farmer, m 5-2, res ne qr sec 32, 160—150, p o Peterson, was born in Germany July 5, 1828, and came to Clay county in 1870. He has withstood all the vicissitudes of this new county and is now a prosperous and highly respected farmer, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

Hunter Wm L, farmer, m 6-1, res se qr sec 4, 160—120, p o Everly, was born in 1848 in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and came to Clay in 1872.

James John E, farmer, m 2-2, res se qr sec 26, 160, p o Willow Creek, was born in Ohio in 1852 and moved to Wisconsin in 1852, came to Clay county in 1878.

Lamb John B, farmer, m 3, res sec 4, 640—640, p o Everly. Was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1845, and changed his residence to Jefferson county, in 1853, and from there in 1865, to Jasper county Iowa. During the year 1871, he moved to this county, and has since followed the occupation of a farmer. He is a prominent business man and one of the largest farmers in his section, owning some very valuable and productive land.

Le Master J W, farmer, m 3, res w hf of ne qr sec 30, 80—80, p o Peterson. Was born in Johnson county, Ky., in 1845, and moved to Linn county, Iowa. From this point in 1878 he moved to Clay county.

Munger Warren, farmer, m 3-1, res e hf sw qr sec 30, 120—120, p o Peterson. Was born in Chenango county, Wisconsin, March 19th, 1829, and came to Clay in 1869. He has one son Adelbert C.

Munger Adelbert, farmer, m 2, res nw qr sec 41, 160, p o Peterson. Was born in Sauk county, Wisconsin, in 1855, where he lived until 1869, when he came to Clay county and located.

Milton John, farmer, m 14, res se qr sec 32, 240—220, p o Yankee. Was born in New Marbleborough, Mass., in 1827, and located in Clay in April, 1870, and is one of the oldest settlers in the township.

Morgan James H, farmer, m 9, res sw qr sec 6, 160, p o Trimello. Was born in New York, in 1826, and in 1858 moved to Wisconsin, where he lived eleven years and then came to Clay county. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the 42nd regiment of Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the Rebellion.

Morgan J J, farmer, m 7, res nw qr sec 7, 160—120, p o Trimello. Was born in Livingston county, Michigan, in 1853, and moved to Clay in 1871.

Peterson Hans P, farmer, m 5-2, res sw qr sec 24, 160—100, p o Willow Creek, was born in Denmark in 1845 and came to Clay county in 1870 and located in Clay township. He was married to Christina Jensen. They have one son, Albert, and two daughters, Dorine and Mary.

Roberts Wm C, farmer, m 12-2, res nw qr sec 36, 160—160, p o Willow Creek, was born in Canarvon, Wales, September 27, 1829, and came to the United States in 1859 and settled in Columbia county, Wisconsin, and followed farming. In 1869 he came to Clay county and has since remained a resident.

Roberts Mary Mrs, res nw qr sec 2, p o Trimello; was born in Merythen, Wales, and came to the United States in 1846 and until 1870 lived in Wisconsin, when, with her husband, she came to Clay county. Is one of the oldest settlers in the township.

Roberts Phillip, farmer, m 2, res nw qr sec 2, p o Trimello; was born in Wisconsin and came with his parents to Clay county in 1870, was married to Miss Alice Shaffer.

Towner Geo G, farmer, m 6 res se qr sec 30, 400—320, p o Peterson; was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1844. He enlisted in the United States service in the 23rd New York Light Artillery Battery and served three years, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He then returned to his native State where he lived until 1870, when he concluded to come west and settle in Clay county where he has since been one of its most industrious and prosperous farmers.

Ward George R, farmer m 2, res sec 4, a640, p o Everly. Was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1845, and immigrated to Iowa in 1856, and settled in Jefferson county. In 1864 he became a member of company D, Nineteenth Iowa volunteer infantry, and was afterwards transferred to the Twenty-first regiment, and was honorably discharged September 21st, 1865. In 1871 he changed his residence to Clay county, and has been one of its most active and successful farmers.

Watts John, farmer, p o Willow Creek. Was born in Westchester county, N. Y., in 1835, and where he received an education in the common schools. During the year 1857 he came to Iowa and settled in Delaware county, and engaged in farming until the spring of 1862, when he enlisted in the Twenty-first Iowa volunteer infantry, and served three years in the defense of his country. After being mustered out at Clinton in 1865 he at once set out for Clay county, coming as far as Fort Dodge by rail, and from that point to this county, carrying his musket, haversack, knapsack and other accoutrements, which he had become accustomed to in his three years' service in the army. (Mr. Watts still preserves these as mementoes of his soldier life.) Upon his arrival here he lived a few years at Sioux Rapids, and then homesteaded the place on which he lives, which is a good location and a very fertile piece of land. Mr. Watts is an old settler, and his recollection and narration of events of the past twenty-four years are extremely interesting. He and Joseph Crozier got out the material for the saw mill that once stood at Peterson, and supplied the people far and near with lumber. He has held the position of postmaster of Willow Creek for the past seventeen years, was Justice of the Peace of Douglas, is steward in the M. E. church, and an active, energetic and liberal citizen. He was married in 1866 to Mary J. Nichols, of Farley, Dubuque county. Three children were born to them, Lewis A., Ella and Blanche V.

Underwood M S, farmer, m 7, res Clay township, a160—140, p o Yankee. Was born in Lancashire, England, in 1844, and came to this township in 1870.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

CLAY TOWNSHIP.

Anderson August. Was born in Sweden, in 1840, and has been a resident of Clay since 1869. He is married and has four children.

Johnson Hans, res nw ¼ sec 28. Was born in Sweden; has three children; owns 160 acres; sixty under cultivation.

Clark George A. Was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1837, and now owns 160 acres of land in Clay county. In 1871 he moved to

Clay county, and with the early settlers endured the hardships and privations of pioneer life.

Erickson Albert N. Was born in Denmark in 1847. He has three children. His residence is located on sec 6 and he owns 240 acres. Post office address Everly. He is one of the most prosperous farmers in the county and is regarded as one of the most substantial and influential men in the county.

Fisher John H, Clay township. Was born in Stephenson county, Illinois. In 1861 he enlisted in the army and served until the conclusion of the war. Shortly after his enlistment he was selected as sergeant of his company and finally promoted to second lieutenant. By faithful and diligent service he was passed to first lieutenant and eventually received a commission as captain of his company. With this regiment he marched with Sherman to the sea, and participated in all those memorable engagements, winning renown and distinction for bravery and efficiency. In 1865 he moved to Iowa and located in Jones county, where he lived until 1871, when he came to Clay county. He lives on sec 9 of Clay township and owns 180 acres of fertile land and seventeen acres of growing timber. He was married in 1866 to Miss Hattie Ingle. They have eight children: two are engaged in educational work. Captain Fisher has a neat and comfortable home, surrounded by all the comforts of life. He was sergeant-at-arms of the Iowa House of Representatives and performed his duty faithfully and well. No man stands higher in the estimation of the community than Captain Fisher, who has demonstrated his entire fitness and competency in every office which he has held.

Martin Geo F. Was born in Scotland in 1837, and emigrated to the United States in 1852. In 1869 he came to Clay county and is consequently one of the first settlers of the county. He served three years in defense of his country and proved a valuable and efficient soldier. He owns four hundred acres of very valuable land, three hundred acres of which is under cultivation. Mr. Martin is one of the solid and substantial citizens of Clay township, and one of the leading men of the county. He has never been found lacking in either enterprise or public push, and much of the present prosperity of the county is due to his assistance.

The M. E. church was built in 1889, on the se ¼ of sec 27, and dedicated in September. It cost $1,500 and the greater part was raised by subscription. It is a neat edifice and worthy of the enterprise and efforts of the liberal-minded men and women who undertook its construction.

The people of Clay township are indebted to Eben Baily, John Watts, John Winterhalter and others for this noble and praiseworthy work.

Winterhalter John, res sec 26, p o Peterson. Was born in Pennsylvania in 1844, and came to Clay from Polk county in 1870.

Davis Nathan. Born in Indiana in 1827; located in Clay county in 1869, on the se ¼ of sec 28. His family consists of twelve children. He

is one of the most public spirited citizens and aggressive farmers in Clay township.

HERDLAND TOWNSHIP.

Gallimore J W, farmer, m 3, res sw ¼ sec 34, 80—80, p o Sioux Rapids.

Gowen Linn, farmer, m 6, res e ½ of nw ¼ sec 2, 261—130, p o Herdland. He was born in Massachusetts in 1851 and came to this county in an early day. He is one of the stirring farmers of that thrifty township and has been closely connected and a promoter of any good work which would build up that township. He has held a number of offices and has demonstrated his entire fitness and justified the confidence reposed in him. He is an energetic farmer and a valuable citizen.

Harraman A A, farmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 34, 160—155, p o Sioux Rapids, was born in Eaton, N. H., in 1843 and remained there till he was 18 years of age when he enlisted in the 6th N. H. Vol. Infty. He was in Burnside's expedition in North Carolina and Virginia and took part in the battles of Camden and other noted engagements. In 1863 he moved to Goodhue county, Minn. After a residence of five years in Minnesota he came to Clay county and settled in Herdland township, where he has since resided. He married in 1867 and has one child. Mr. Harraman has been justice of the peace, township treasurer, and is now township trustee.

Halverson Harry, farmer, m 2, res sec 21, 320, p o Sioux Rapids.

Harraman C A, farmer, m 8, res nw ¼ sec 34, 280—140, p o Sioux Rapids, born in New Hampshire in 1847.

Hart Peter, farmer, s. p o Greenville.

Hickman J M, m 5, res se ¼ sec 2, 80—80, p o Herdland, born in Knox Co, Missouri, in 1860.

Hickman G W, farmer, m 6, 120, p o Herdland.

Hickman S J, farmer, m 7, res se ¼ sec 2, 80—80, p o Herdland, born in Virginia in 1826.

Hipple J W, farmer, m 5, res sw ¼ sec 1, 160—90, p o Herdland, born in Pennsylvania in 1861.

Hoskins Fred, farmer, m 7, res s ½ of sw ¼ sec 12, p o Herdland, born in Wisconsin in 1857.

Hovenga S D, farmer, m 2, res sec 12, r 80, p o Herdland, born in Germany.

Hughes Henry, farmer, m 6-2, res sw ¼ sec 19, 240—175, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Wisconsin in 1856.

Johnson Wm, farmer, m 5, res se ¼ sec 23, 160—85, p o Sioux Rapids, born in New York in 1844.

Johnson Ole, farmer, m 7, res sec 20, 80, p o Sioux Rapids, born in Norway.

Kanffold F H, farmer, m 2 res ne ¼ sec 15, p o Herdland, born in Illinois in 1866.

Kellogg Harry, farmer, m 4-1, p o Greenville, born in Iowa.

APPENDIX.

Under this head will be found histories and biographies which were received too late to insert in their proper places.

Jones Evan, farmer, p o Spencer. Was born in New York, and came to this county in 1868 and homesteaded his farm just east of Spencer. He is the owner of a fine farm, which is under splendid cultivation, and his residence is located on one of the most desirable sites in the county. He is a progressive farmer, an excellent citizen and a just and upright man.

Paige Heil B, drayman, p o Spencer. Was born in Newberry, Vermont, June 20th, 1840, and lived there until eighteen years old, when he went to Manchester, New Hampshire, and subsequently to Massachusetts. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K., 7th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and served two years and was discharged. He then went to Warsaw, Wisconsin, where he teamed for some time, eventually going on the river and mining between Wisconsin and St. Louis. He afterwards moved to Lacon, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for several years and then returned to Vermont. He then came to Iowa and located at Stewart. In 1871 he moved to Clay county and engaged in farming until 1880, when he took up his residence in Spencer, and since that time has followed the occupation of drayman. He was married in 1872 to Miss Kate Simington. They have three children, Charles, Florence E., and Mary L. He has been very successful in his business and runs from one to three drays. He also engages in the ice trade.

Peeso M M, farmer and dairyman, p o Spencer, a160. Was born in Otsego county, New York, and remained there until 1870, when with his family he came to Clay county and located in Spencer. Shortly after his arrival, in company with L. C. Burgin he opened a general store which he conducted for several years, it being the first store in the place. He also built the first frame dwelling and store building in the town. He subsequently retired from the mercantile trade and engaged in farming, which has been his occupation in connection with his dairy business since that time. He is an industrious and painstaking farmer and liberal and progressive citizen. He has been a member of the Methodist church for a great many years and this denomination is greatly indebted to him for his unceasing labors and liberal contributions. His farm is located within a short distance of Spencer and is well improved and supplied with good and substantial buildings. He is one among Spencer's earliest settlers, and has seen it develop from a town in name to one of prominence, stirring business industries and of mercantile importance.

Phelps George E, County Auditor, res East Second, Spencer. Was born in Cayuga county, New York, March 6th, 1859, and remained there a few years when his parents moved to Iowa, and settled in Butler county, in 1867, and afterwards moved to Hampton, Franklin county,

where he lived until his removal to Clay county, in the fall of 1880. When he first came to this county he located on the se qr of sec 29, but subsequently changed his residence in 1882, to Lone Tree, where he owns eighty acres of land. Until his election to his present office he engaged in farming and made his residence in Everly. He received the nomination for county recorder on the regular republican ticket last October and was elected by a majority of 325. He has had considerable experience in township affairs, and will, no doubt, prove a faithful and efficient county official, and give entire satisfaction to his constituents. He was married in 1885, to Miss Hulda Wheeler, of Hampton.

Shaffer W F, farmer, res sec 36, Lone Tree township, a160, p o Everly. Is one of the earliest settlers of this township and also one of its best known citizens. He has a good farm which is well improved. He has been connected with its local affairs in many ways and is at present a member of the district school board, being its president.

Smith Ashley, farmer, p o Spencer. Was born in New York State, where he lived until 1850, when he moved to Juneau county, Wisconsin, and lived, with the exception of three years, while in the army, until 1869, when he came to Clay county and for a number of years engaged in mercantile pursuits in Spencer, since that time he has devoted his attention to farming. Mr. Smith is one of the older settlers and is known as one of the responsible and reliable farmers of Spencer township.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

The first Methodist Episcopal church in Clay county, was organized about December 1st, 1863, in Peterson, consisting of the following named persons: H. Waterman and wife, R. B. Crego and wife, Jacob Hale, wife and daughter Nancy and one other person. It was organized by Rev. S. Snyder, then in charge of Smithland Circuit. They had preaching every four weeks during the first year. The following year Peterson was connected with the Spirit Lake circuit, with Rev. S. Snyder as pastor, and then they had preaching every three weeks. In July, 1885, an organization was formed in what was known as Kindlespyer school house, consisting of the following named persons: O. C. Potts and wife, Joseph Watts and wife, Peter Dubois, son and wife, Stephen Dubois and Mrs. Collins. Rev. O. S. Wright, a local preacher, living at Pilot Rock, in Cherokee county, had vlsited and preached at Peterson before the organization there.

SPENCER CREAMERY.

This practical and beneficial institution has in a course of nearly twelve years more than met the demands of the trade, and has proven to be indispensible to the farming and dairying interests of the county. A brief history of it will therefore not be amiss in the industries and manufactories of Spencer. In 1878, soon after the arrival of the railroad, Messrs. McPherson & Allen commenced the erection of the building

proper, but were unable to finish it that year, owing to the stormy weather, but in the spring of 1879, they succeeded in completing it and in a short time had it in full operation, and since that date it has been run during the summer seasons down to the present time. They subsequently disposed of it to C. S. Penfield, who ran it during the seasons of 1884 and 1885, when he in turn sold it to E. J. Whitmore & Co., of Strawberry Point, a well known dairy firm. The creamery building is 24x50 feet, two-story high, wash room 14x16, engine room 18x24, in which sets a 12 horse-power engine. The creamery is supplied with all the necessary machinery and conveniences which makes it thoroughly equipped, and thus prepared to do most excellent work. In connection with the building there are five acres of land which is used for pens for hogs, which are kept to utilize the accumulation of milk. The creamery, besides being the first and pioneer in the county, was also the first to introduce the system of cans and sending out teams to gather the cream from house to house, thus being of incalculable benefit to the farmers by saving them trips to the creamery during the busy seasons. They have by these routes covered an immense amount of territory, and employed during the spring and summer months as high as sixteen teams. When it is understood that each of these teams have facilities for carrying each day an amount of cream sufficient to make from 200 to 300 pounds of butter, it will at once be seen that this creamery annually transacts an immense amount of business. And the further fact that it has turned out as high as 2,500 pounds of butter in one day, is conclusive evidence that it is of no small proportions. During the winter season Mr. Whitmore, the manager, engages in the butter, egg and poultry trade, and does a large business. He is a man who has devoted a great amount of time and attention to the dairy business, and thoroughly understands it in all its different and complicated forms, and through this intimate acquaintance with and this knowledge of the industry, he has been able to make it a success where other men have failed. He is liberal in his prices, careful to give instructions to his patrons how to manage their cream and by these means has been able to establish a trade of large proportions, which is gradually growing. There is no superior dairy butter made in the western dairy fields, and consequently it always commands a good price in the market. He is a man of great energy, undoubted integrity, and a man of fine reputation for business capacity and sagacity.

L. C. WESCOTT.

The subject of this sketch was born in the state of New York. He immigrated to Wisconsin at an early day and engaged in the general hardware trade. He was for many years one of the leading merchants of New Lisbon, Wis., where he had, what was conceded to be, the finest hardware store, at that time, in the State. In June, 1877, he removed to Iowa and purchased a farm in Riverton township, in a section of the State, which for productiveness and general fertility has few equals any-

where. Here he has by diligent effort made for himself and family a home which would gladden the heart of the most ardent home-lover. Surrounded by all the comforts known to modern farmers of the higher class, he can look forward with pleasure to the years to come. Since his residence here he has devoted his time both to the agricultural pursuits and the auctioneer business, in which latter line none have been more successful than Mr. Wescott. He was married in 1860 to Miss Gertrude J. Secor. They have four children: Wm. S., formerly editor of the Sioux Rapids Press, manager of the Dubuque Times, and at present engaged in journalist work; R. Winnie, teacher in the intermediate school in Spencer; Blanche and Avis. Mr. Wescott is a wholesouled, genial gentleman and a man of vast and varied experiences.

ERRATA.

On page 33 read Frain for "Train." On page 36, for 1889, the members of the board of supervisors should read, T. P. Bender, chairman; A. S. Weir, J. B. Wilson, A. W. Sleeper and O. K. Vincent. On page 59, in the sixteenth line, read Miss Lillie Brosius for "Brosiers." On page 60, 13th line, read successively for "successfully." On page 52, under the head of treasurers, read W. L. Bender for "W. L. Gander." In the eighteenth line, on page 255, the sentence after the word "father" should read, he is conducting a well improved stock farm, etc. On page 252, in the third line from the top, after the name "Adams" read John. On page 56 in the 23rd line the words "of commander" should be inserted after the word office.

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